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ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions were opened with religious exercises conducted by the President.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. John Beck, Isaac K. Loos, Samuel G. Wagner, and Daniel E. Schoedler.
Elders. Owen L. Schreiber, Aaron G. Renninger, and Hon. Joseph Laubach.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, Charles H. Leinbach, and Isaac E. Graeff.
Elder. James T. Reber.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Rev. Jacob D. Zehring, and William D. C. Rodrock.
Elder. Henry C. Shriver.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

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Elders. John Rodenmayer, and Goldsboro S. Griffith.

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such removal, will commence a new period of its history, and my successor can thus enter upon his duties at the beginning of this new period, and with the earnest enthusiasm which such a transaction demands for its success.

Grateful for the confidence which your Reverend Body has reposed in me, in having placed me in a position of such high trust, and confident of having endeavored to the best of my ability, aided by divine grace, to discharge my duty, and praying that the Seminary may continue to be a great blessing to the Church at large, I remain,

Yours in the Lord,

Mercersburg, July 3, 1871. E. E. HIGBEE.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the resignation be acccepted, and a committee of three appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the sense of Synod in regard to this resignation and its acceptance. Rev. Amos H. Kremer, Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., and Elder William H. Seibert constitute this committee. The committee subsequently submitted the following paper, which was adopted:

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee has felt himself constrained to offer his resignation as Professor of Church History and Biblical Literature in the Theological Seminary, and to urge its acceptance, this Synod, in yielding to his wishes, cannot forbear giving expression to its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Church by the Rev. Dr. Higbee during his seven years' connection with the Theological Seminary, and its sincere regret, that any circumstance should have occurred, which, in his judgment, rendered it necessary for him to withdraw from the service of the Church in this particular field of labor, but cherishes the hope, that the Church may still enjoy the advantage of his talents and acquirements in some other sphere of duty.

Respectfully submitted.

AMOS H. KREMER,
SAMUEL R. FISHER, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM H. SEIBERT,

The Stated Clerk was instructed to furnish the Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee with a copy of the above minute.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod proceed to elect a Professor to the vacant chair of Church History and Biblical Literature in the Theological Seminary.

The following persons were nominated for the vacant Professorship: Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Dr. Samuel H. Giesy, Nicholas Gehr, and Adolph Rahn. In connection with these nominations a petition was received from several German ministers of the Church, calling the attention of Synod to the wants of the German portion of the

Church, and requesting it, in the election of a Professor to the vacant Professorship, to have respect to these wants. The subject of the petition was discussed at length, and then laid on the table, until the item in the call for the present meeting relating to the appointment of a Theological Tutor is reached.

The Synod proceeded to the election. It was led in prayer by the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin. The Rev. Isaac E. Graeff and Jacob Dahlman, Jr., were appointed tellers, who received the ballots and counted them. The election resulted in the choice of the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple by a large majority. A resolution was adopted making the election unanimous.

The officers of Synod were instructed to make out a call to the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, to the Professorship to which he has been elected, inserting as a consideration for his services, the annual sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars in quarterly payments, together with the free use of a dwelling.

The Rev. Drs. Moses Kieffer, Samuel R. Fisher, and Daniel Zacharias, were appointed a committee to install the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, in case he accepts the Professorship to which he has been elected.

The second item in the call for this special meeting, namely the appointing of a Theological Tutor, was taken up, and in connection with it, the petition received from the German ministers. After some discussion it was

Resolved, That the whole subject of the appointment of a Theological Tutor, together with the petition from the German ministers, in relation to the appointment of a German Professor, be referred to a committee of seven, with authority to make such arrangements as the wants of the Seminary require, and with instructions to report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

This committee consists of the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Dr. Moses Kieffer, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Amos H. Kremer, and Elders Daniel W. Gross, and Joseph Laubach.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members of the Reformed Church in Lancaster, Pa., for the hospitable entertainment of its members during its present sessions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be also tendered to the several Rail Road companies, which have permitted its members to pass over their respective roads at reduced fare, for the courtesy thus extended to them.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes were read and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod having transacted the business for which it was convened, adjourned and was dismissed by the singing of the Long Metre Doxology, prayer by the Rev. Dr. Daniel Zacharias, and the Apostolic benediction by the President.

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[A true copy from the original minutes.]

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ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions of Synod were opened with singing and prayer by the President, the Rev. Amos H. Kremer, prior to which he preached a Sermon from 1 Peter iii. 15: "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ye ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. Abraham Bartholomew, George B. Dechant,[1] John Beck,[1] Martin A. Smith,[2] and Julius J. C. Kurtz.[3]

Elders.—Aaron G. Renninger, Joseph Laubach,[4] and George Hagenbuch.[5]

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[1] Took their seats on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.
[2] Took his seat on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.
[3] Took his seat on the morning of the seventh, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions.
[4] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.
[5] Took his seat on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

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Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, Edmund R. Eshbach,[8] Simon S. Miller, Marcus Bachman, and John W. Titzel.[9]

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Elders —William Posey, James Koons, Henry Snyder, John Wiest,[15] and John P. Reifsnyder.[15]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Rev. Samuel N. Callender, and Stephen K. Kremer.

Elders.—William H. Bargelt,[16] and W. Jephtha Hensell.[17]

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[1] Was succeeded by the Rev. Daniel B. Albright on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions, who was succeeded by the Rev. Charles H. Leinbach on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

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[3] Took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions.

[4] Was succeeded by Elder William Stam, on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[5] Took his seat on the afternoon of the third, and obtained leave of absence on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[6] Was succeeded by the Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

[7] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[8] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions.

[9] Took his seat on the afternoon of the third, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

[10] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

[11] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

[12] Took his seat on the morning of the second day, and was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., from the morning of the fourth to the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[13] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions, prior to which it was occupied by the Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., by whom also he was succeeded on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[14] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[15] Took their seats on the morning of the second day of the sessions.

[16] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[17] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Rev. Nehemiah H. Skyles,[1] Daniel Y. Heisler, Thomas G. Apple, D.D., Adam C. Whitmer, and William M. Deatrick.[2]

Elders.—Adam B. Wingerd,[3] John P. Reed, William Dice,[4] and J. Brewster.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. Lawrence D. Leberman, Anthony F. Ziegler, Lewis J. Mayer, and Augustus L. Dechant.[5]

Elders.—Lewis Marsteller, Daniel B. Mauger, Thomas Christman,[6] and Charles Christman.[7]

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Rev. John F. Busche.[8]

Elders.— * * * * *

XI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D.,[9] Joseph Hannabery, Samuel Kuhn[12] and Stephen Sweizer.[10]

Elders.—George W. Hensel, Edward J. Zahm, and Martin Schaffner.[11]

XII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. William A. Haas, Rudolph Duenger, Aaron R. Hottenstein,[12] and David W. Kelly.[12]

Elders.—David Eshbach, William Pursell, and George C. Welker.[13]

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[1] Was succeeded by the Rev. Calvin U. Heilman, from the morning of the fourth until the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[2] Was succeeded by the Rev. Calvin U. Heilman until the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[3] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

[4] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions.

[5] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions, and was succeeded by the Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, from the morning of the fourth until the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

[6] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[7] Took his seat on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

[8] Took his seat on the morning of the second, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions.

[9] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[10] Was succeeded by the Rev. Frederick Pilgram, on the morning of the fourth day, who obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

[11] Took his seat on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions.

[12] Took their seats on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[13] Took his seat on the morning of the third day, and obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

XIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. John K. Millet, Daniel M. Wolff, and L. Kryder Evans.[1]
Elder.—John M. Troxell.[2]

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—Rev. William H. Ten Eyck, D.D.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—Rev. William G. Laitzle.

From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—* * * * *.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of Lebanon.—Rev. Samuel Miller, Jonathan E. Hiester, Charles A. Rittenhouse, Frederick W. Dechant, John B. Poerner, Aaron S. Leinbach, Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., Daniel B Albright, Henry R. Nicks, Isaac E. Graeff, James A. Schultz, Charles H. Leinbach, and John O. Johnston.

From the Classis of Zion.—Rev. William F. P. Davis, William D. C. Rodrock, T. Frank Hoffmeier, and James Crawford.

From the Classis of Maryland.—Rev. Henry L. Grandlienard, W. Augustus Gring, and George L. Staley.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., Joseph H. Dubbs, Charles G. Fisher, Charles W. Schultz, William Sorber, Maxwell S. Rowland, Samuel M. K. Huber, Abraham Romich, John Gantenbein, George B. Russell. and Elders J. David Miller, Charles Santee, George Gelbach, and William Schall.

From the Classis of Virginia.—Rev John Lantz.

From the Classis of Mercersburg.—Rev. William D. Lefevre, Calvin U. Heilman, William C. B. Shulenberger, and Alfred G. Dole.

From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.—Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh.

From the Classis of Lancaster.—Rev. Amos H. Kremer, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D, and Frederick Pilgram.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna.—Rev. Henry S. Bassler.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna.—Rev. William W. Clouser, and Cyrus H. Reiter.

From the Classis of Westmoreland.—Rev. George H. Johnston.

From the Classis of Lancaster (Synod of Ohio).—Rev. George H. Leonard, and Elder Henry Leonard.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced during the sessions of Synod:

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[1] Was succeeded by the Rev. Cyrus H. Reiter, on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

[2] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

Rev. John Moore, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. Kohler, C. Koerner, H. S. Miller, of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. Edmund Leaf, of the Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Jacob O. Miller was chosen *President.*
Rev. John Ault was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., *Stated Clerk.*
Rev. Marcus Bachman was continued *German Clerk.*
Elder Henry Wirt was re-elected *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the line formed by the seventh pew from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions:

The *Morning Session*, to open at 8½ and close at 11½ o'clock.

The *Afternoon Session*, to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

Evening sessions were held on the third and seventh days of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod.—Rev. Charles F. McCauley, Dr. Thomas S. Johnston, Abraham Bartholomew, and Elders James Bell and William Posey.

Overtures.—Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach, John K. Millet, Samuel E. Herring, and Elders Aaron G. Renninger and James Koons.

Correspondence with Sister Churches.—Rev. Edmund R. Eshbach, William A. Haas, Joseph Hannabery, and Elders David Eshbach and Goldsboro S. Griffith.

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. Simon S. Miller, Daniel M. Wolff, Marcus Bachman, and Elders Henry Snyder and William Dice.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel, John S. Foulk, Dr. Edwin H. Nevin, and Elders Edward J. Zahm and Adam B. Wingerd.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Rev. William K. Zieber, L. Kryder Evans, William M. Deatrick, and Elders Joshua Motter and William Pursell.

Theological Seminary.—Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bausman, Samuel Kuhn, Daniel Y. Heisler, and Elders John P. Reed and W. Jephtha Hensel.

Missions.—Rev. Lawrence D. Leberman, Nehemiah H. Skyles, Stephen K. Kremer, and Elders Lewis Marsteller and George W. Hensel.

Finance.—Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Joseph H. Dubbs, Anthony F. Ziegler, and Elders William A. Wilt and Christian Roth.

Nominations.—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, John Ault, J. Spangler Kieffer, and Elders Edward J. Zahm and William H. Bargelt.

Publication.—Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Adam C. Whitmer, Stephen Sweizer, and Elders Jacob Ditzler and James T. Reber.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. One copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and one copy of the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

2. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Philadelphia, Virginia, North Carolina, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, and West Susquehanna, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4. The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication, and the Report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund" were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

6. Statements from the Treasurers of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

7. Communications from the Rev. Drs. Daniel Gans and Thomas G. Apple, professors elect in the Theological Seminary, were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

8. A communication from the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, announcing the vacancies occurring in the Board, was received and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

9. A number of other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item. The report is as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod, to whom were referred the Minutes of the Annual and Special Sessions of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, beg leave respectfully to report the following items as claiming the attention of this Synod:

Item 1, page 7. The different Boards of Synod and their Treasurers shall report not later than the second day of the sessions.

Item 2, page 12. The appointment of delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Item 3, pages 30, 31. Synod authorized the Board of the Seminary to secure the legal conveyance to them of the five acres of land offered by the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, the erection of suitable buildings, and the removal of the Seminary to Lancaster during the then current year; also to take measures for the completion of the removal fund, and to lease the real estate of the Seminary to the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the sum of one dollar per year.

Item 4, page 31. The Classes were enjoined to continue to enlarge their contributions to Beneficiary Education.

Item 5, page 38. The pastors were enjoined to preach on the subject of Missions, and the necessity and blessedness of giving liberally to the Lord.

Item 6, page 39. The Classes are recommended to carry on their missionary work through the Board of the General Synod.

Item 7, page 39. The Apostolic plan of Benevolence is reiterated.

Item 8, page 39. The claims of Church Extension are recommended to pastors and people.

Item 9, page 43. The Treasurer of Synod is instructed to charge interest from July 1st, 1870, on all assessments due by delinquent Classes after January 1st, 1871.

Item 10, page 44. Synod adopted a standing rule, requiring interest on all assessments remaining unpaid on the 1st of July following the time when the assessment shall have been made.

Item 11, page 52. The Board of Publication was directed to renew and continue their efforts to secure the copyright of Dr. Schaff's German Hymn Book.

Item 12, page 53. The Rev. Samuel Miller, Daniel W. Gross, and George C. Welker, were appointed a Committee to report a more enlarged and liberal policy with regard to our Publication affairs.

Item 13, page 54. The duty of this Synod to elect a member of the Trustees of the Board of Publication to fill the place occupied by Daniel W. Gross, whose term of office will expire December 31st, 1871.

Item 14, pages 54, 55. The Committee (Rev. George B. Russell, Chairman) on purchasing a house for the use of the Board of Publication, was continued and directed to act at the earliest possible opportunity.

Item 15, page 55. The Committee (Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Chairman) appointed to secure the manuscripts and books of the late Dr. Harbaugh was continued.

Item 16, page 57. The Committee (Rev. Samuel Miller, Chairman) on the translation of the "Order of Worship" into the German language was continued.

Item 17, page 57. The Committee (Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, Samuel N. Callender, and Dr. Thomas G. Apple) to attend to the interests of this Synod before the General Synod, in several cases of Appeals and Complaints, was continued.

Item 18, page 57. The duty of this Synod to decide in regard to the request of the Classes of Zion, Virginia, Mercersburg, and Maryland, touching the formation of a new Synod south of the Susquehanna river.

Item 19, page 58. The Committee (Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Chairman) appointed to erect monuments to the memory of Drs. Harbaugh and Rauch was continued.

Item 20, page 59. The Committee (Col. George S. Wagner, Chairman) appointed to attend to the interest of Synod in certain Church property in the city of Washington, D. C.

Item 21, page 59. The Committee (Dr. Moses Kieffer, Chairman) to report to this Synod a plan for securing a fund to be devoted to the relief of disabled and superannuated ministers.

Item 22, page 60. The Committee to inaugurate measures for the proper celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Theological Seminary was appointed, and directed to report to this Synod.

Item 23. (Minutes of Special Meeting of Synod). The resignation of Dr. E. E. Higbee as Professor of Church History and Biblical Literature, and the election of Dr. Thomas G. Apple as his successor.

Item 24. A Committee of seven (Dr. John W. Nevin, Chairman) was appointed, to whom was referred the subject of the appointment of a Theological Tutor, together with a petition from certain German ministers, in relation to the appointment of a German Professor, to

report to this Synod, making, in the meantime, such arrangements as the wants of the Seminary might require.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. McCAULEY, *Chairman.*

Item 1 was adopted. For the reports called for in item 2 see Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches. For the result of the action referred to in items 3, 22, 23, and 24, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; in items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, see Article X, Minutes of Classes; in items 9 and 10, see Article XV, Finance; in items 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, see Article XIX, Publication; in items 16, 17, and 18, see Article XX, Church Government; in items 19, 20, and 21, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following items claiming the attention of Synod:

Item 1. A letter from Rev. Dr. Franklin W. Kremer, asking Synod to excuse him from serving on the Committee appointed to report on the proper celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Theological Seminary.

Item 2. A letter from the Stated Clerk of Clarion Classis, asking that Classis be exonerated from the payment of a certain assessment made by the Synod at Danville

Item 3. A letter from Rev. Daniel B. Albright, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board of Managers of the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, pertaining to the very meagre income of said Home since its last anniversary.

Item 4. A letter from Rev. Peter Greding, containing two resolutions, having reference to certain German Church papers.

Item 5. Certain documents presented by the delegate of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium, relating to some difficulties in a congregation in Hamilton Township, Atlantic Co., N. J

Item 6. A paper from a Committee of the Pittsburg Synod, pertaining to the Publication interests of said Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. CALVIN LEINBACH, *Chairman.*
J. K. MILLET.
S. E. HERRING,
A. G. RENNINGER.

For the action of Synod on item 1 see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; on item 2 see Article XV, Finance; on item 3 see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on items 4 and 6 see Article XIX, Publication; and on item 5, see Article XX, Church Government.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches respectfully report:

That they have examined the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pa., and the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America referred to them.

In the former they found the following items to report to this body:

1. That the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pa. convened in regular session, in the city of Easton, Pa., in the month of June last, and that our delegate, the Rev. John Beck, was present at its sessions.

2. The Rev. William G. Laitzle was elected delegate *primarius*, and the Rev. John Kohler *secundus*, to the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States.

3. The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania will convene in regular session in Zion's Church, of Philadelphia, on Trinity Sunday, 1872.

From the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, your committee report the following items:

1. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, convened in regular session in the city of Albany, New York, in June last. Neither of the delegates from our body was present; but a letter of greeting from Dr. Theodore Appel, delegate *primarius*, was received and acknowledged.

2. That the Rev. Dr. William H. Ten Eyck was elected delegate *primarius*, and Rev. A. P. Van Giesen his alternate to this Synod.

3. We find, that the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America [Rev. Dr. West] Rev. Henry D. Ganse, and Elder Samuel B. Schieffelin, were appointed a committee to present the subject of union to our brethren in the Classis of North Carolina, an integral part of this Synod, by corresponding with them or visiting them.

4. That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, will convene in regular session, in the Middle Church of Brooklyn, in New York, on first Wednesday of June, 1872.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESHBACH, *Chairman.*

The third item in the foregoing report, relating to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. William K. Zieber, Charles F. McCauley, and Elder Adam B. Wingerd. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred item No. 3, relating to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, of the report of the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

The said item refers to certain action taken by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. convened in regular session in the city of Albany, N. Y., in June, 1871. The action is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That our hearts turn warmly towards our brethren of the Reformed faith in the Classis of North Carolina; that we rejoice that the difficulty which prevented our following the desire of our hearts when their proposals were made to us in 1855, has been removed.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, Rev. H. D. Ganse, and Elder S. B. Schieffelin be a committee to present the subject of union to our brethren in the Classis of North Carolina, by corresponding with them or visiting them."

In view of the fact, that the Classis of North Carolina is an integral part of this Synod, and at no time has been recognized as occupying an independent position, your committee regards the action under consideration, as a manifestation of discourtesy toward this Synod, and a course which, if generally pursued, must eventuate in endless confusion and absolute disintegration of ecclesiastical organization. Inasmuch, however, as the accredited representative (Rev. William H. Ten Eyck, D.D.) of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, assured this body, that the action complained of was taken without proper understanding of the relation subsisting between the Classis of North Carolina and this Synod, and utterly disavowed any predatory intentions on the part of the Synod he represented, declaring that the error committed was an "error of the head and not of the heart," your committee believes, that no special action is called for at this time. Respectfully submitted.

W. K. ZIEBER, *Chairman.*

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to report, that, as it devolved on him as delegate *secundus* to attend the meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church at Albany in June last, he had made all the necessary arrangements to discharge that duty, but owing to afflictions in his family, he was unable to leave home at that time. He, however, sent to that Synod a fraternal letter, embodying the kindest wishes of this body to the sister Church, together with the usual number of copies of the Proceedings of our last annual meeting of Synod.

He regrets very much, that neither he nor his *primarius* could be present to represent this Synod at the Albany Synod. From their Minutes it will be seen, that that body, at the earnest solicitations, it is said, of the delegate of the Ohio Synod, instituted measures looking to a closer union with our Church, which are of a questionable character, and which, if persisted in, may do harm to portions of our Church, and lead to serious alienations between the Churches. The matter deserves the earnest attention of this body.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL.

German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

The undersigned, delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, would report:

That he discharged the duty imposed upon him, by attending the sessions of the Ministerium during its meeting in June last, at Easton, Pa. Your delegate was cordially received and kindly treated, and was charged, by the President of the Ministerium, to convey to this Synod assurances of its fraternal regard and Christian sympathy.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BECK.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

Your delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church begs leave to report:

That he found himself so situated at the time of the late meeting of said body in Dayton, Ohio, as to make it too exceedingly inconvenient for him to attend. He, consequently, gave his alternate timely notice of his situation, and requested him to take his place. He, however, found himself similarly situated. Your delegate, as his remaining expedient, addressed that Reverend body a letter of fraternal greeting, assuring it of your kind regards and Christian sympathy.

Respectfully submitted.

S. N. CALLENDER.

III. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—Rev. P. Seibert Davis, *primarius*, and Rev. Joseph W. Santee, *secundus*.

To the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—Rev. Isaac K. Loos, *primarius*, and Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, *secundus.*

To the General Synod of the Evangelical, Lutheran Church.—Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, *primarius*, and Rev. William H. H. Snyder, *secundus.*

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE.

At the opening of Synod the Rev. William H. Ten Eyck, D.D., delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, appeared, presented his credentials, and was admitted to his seat as a Corresponding member. At a subsequent session, he laid on the table of Synod a copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the body he represented; and on the morning of the third day of the sessions, he took leave of Synod in a brief address, in which he alluded, among other things, to the present relations between the two Churches, and which was cordially and properly responded to by the President.

On the morning of the second day of the sessions, the Rev. William G. Laitzle, delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, appeared, presented his credentials, and was admitted to a seat, as a Corresponding member. He also laid on the table of Synod a copy of the Minutes of the body he represented; and on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions, took his leave of Synod in a brief address, which was cordially responded to by the President.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Philadelphia Classis, in regard to the call for a special meeting for Nov. 27, 1870, dated Nov. 17, 1870.

2. The same Classis failed to give a full statement of the items in said call.

3. Lebanon Classis failed to record the names of the Committee on the ordination and installation of the Licentiate C. H. Mutchler.

4. The same Classis failed also to have her Minutes attested by the officers.

5. East Susquehanna Classis failed to record the calls for the special meetings, Feb. 9, 1871, March 20, 1871, and May 20, 1871.

6. The same Classis failed to record the reading and adoption of her Minutes at the regular annual meeting, and adjourned meeting in Sunbury.

7. Virginia Classis failed to record the reading and adoption of her Minutes.

8. Goshenhoppen Classis failed to take action on an item reported by their Committee on Minutes of Synod.

9. Maryland Classis failed to record the report of the committee on charges against the 1st English Reformed Church, Baltimore.

10. New York Classis failed to state the hour of its meeting.

11. Mercersburg Classis held a meeting beyond their Classical bounds in Mechanicsburg.

12 Virginia Classis failed to furnish the minutes of the special meeting, at which Rev. Edward O. Forney was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Mercersburg Classis reiterates her request to Synod. to form a new District Synod, to be composed of Mercersburg, Zion's, Maryland, and Virginia Classes.

2. Virginia Classis reiterates her request to Synod, for the formation of a new District Synod, to be composed of Mercersburg, Zion's, Maryland. and Virginia Classes.

3. Zion's Classis reconsidered its action of last year, requesting Synod to organize a new Synod, to be composed of the Classes of Zion, Mercersburg, Maryland and Virginia, and withdrew their request.

4. West Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to provide the Church with a Hymn Book better adapted to her wants; and if expedient, to have the Hymns arranged in the order of the Church Year, and the whole number, if possible, not to exceed three hundred.

5. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to provide for having included in the objects presented under the head of Benevolent Contributions, in the statistical reports of Classis, not only the contributions to the general objects of benevolence of the Church, but also all benevolent contributions to local objects, and to all charitable purposes, though not directly in connection with the Church.

6. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to excuse some irregularity in the call for a special meeting of Classis in Christ Church, Nov. 29, 1870.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None occurred.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, Maryland, Zion, North Carolina, New York, East Pennsylvania, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Philadelphia, Virginia, Lancaster, and Lebanon

Classes, took favorable action in regard to the cause of Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Extension, Systematic Benevolence and Church Periodicals.

2. Virginia, Zion's, Lancaster. and North Carolina Classes declined to carry forward the work of Missions through the Board of General Synod.

3. Philadelphia Classis reports in regard to the complaint of Dr. Samuel R. Fisher and others, that it has been disposed of according to direction of Synod.

4. North Carolina Classis did not take favorable action on Church Periodicals.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, DISMISSED, &c.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis received Rev. John S Ermentrout from the Classis of Philadelphia, Rev. Alfred J. G. Dubbs from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, licensed Mr. Benjamin Weiss and suspended Rev. Robert Lisberger.

2. Mercersburg Classis licensed Mr. R. Leighton Gerhart, Jonas B. Shontz, Milton H. Sangree, and Joel T. Rossiter, dismissed the licentiates R. Leighton Gerhart to the Classis of Philadelphia, Jonas B. Shontz to the Classis of Iowa, Joel T. Rossiter to the Classis of Virginia, Rev. John W. Love to the Classis of Westmoreland, Rev. Samuel N Callender and Joseph S. Loose, to the Classis of Virginia, received Rev. Jeriah S. Shade from the Classis of West Susquehanna, Rev. William D. Lefevre from the Classis of Virginia, Rev. Samuel Z. Beam from the Classis of St. Joseph, Rev. Jacob A. Peters from the Classis of Zion, and Licentiate Ellis N. Kremer from the Classis of Lancaster.

3. Maryland Classis received Rev. Drs. Daniel Gans and Samuel H. Giesy from the Classis of Philadelphia, dismissed the Rev. Samuel Philips to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, licensed Mr. James Crawford and Mr. Robert Reitzel, and dismissed Licentiate James Crawford to the Classis of Zion.

4. Zion's Classis received Licentiate James Crawford from the Classis of Maryland and ordained him, received Licentiate Aaron Spangler from the Classis of Tiffin and ordained him, dismissed Rev. Jacob A. Peters to the Classis of Mercersburg, and Rev. James A. Schultz to the Classis of Lebanon.

5. Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. Jacob Kehm from the Classis of East Susquehanna, dismissed Rev. Alfred J. G. Dubbs to the Classis of East Pennsylvania, Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs to the Classis of Philadelphia, and licensed Mr. Nathaniel Z. Snyder.

6. North Carolina Classis licensed Mr. Peter M. Trexler.

7. Philadelphia Classis dismissed Rev. Drs. Samuel H. Giesy and Daniel Gans to the Classis of Maryland, Rev. Frederick W. Dechant to the Classis of Lebanon, Rev. Nathan S. Aller to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, received Rev. Dr. Edward H. Nevin from the Classis of Lancaster, Rev. Edward O. Forney from the Classis of Vir-

ginia, Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, Rev. Prof. Henry W. Super from the Classis of Westmoreland, and the Licentiate R. Leighton Gerhart from the Classis of Mercersburg, and licensed Mr. J. M. Hartzell.

8. Lancaster Classis received Rev. Stephen Sweizer from the Classis of Lebanon, Rev. Henry Miller from the Classis of Philadelphia, Rev. O. L. Ashenfelter from the Classis of Miami, received the Licentiate Daniel C. Tobias from the Classis of Lebanon, and ordained him; dismissed Rev. Edward H. Nevin, D.D., to the Classis of Philadelphia, licensed Mr. Ellis N. Kremer and dismissed him to the Classis of Mercersburg, and deposed Rev. Anthony F. Züllig.

9. Lebanon Classis dismissed Rev. Stephen Sweizer to the Classis of Lancaster, received Rev. Frederick W. Dechant from the Classis of Philadelphia, Rev. James A. Schultz from the Classis of Zion, licensed Messrs John O. Johnson and Christian Kessler, ordained the Licentiate C. H. Mutchler, and ordained Robert S. Apple

10. New York Classis received Rev. A. Lepp, from the Mission House of Basel, Switzerland, dismissed Rev. Andrew Schroeder to the Classis of Illinois, and erased the name of Rev. J. Eipperle from its roll.

11. Virginia Classis received Rev. Samuel N. Callender and Joseph S. Loose, and the Licentiate Joel T. Rossiter from the Classis of Mercersburg; dismissed the Licentiate Andrew J. Bowers to the Classis of Philadelphia, and ordained the Licentiates Joel T. Rossiter, Stephen K. Kremer and Edwin O. Forney, dismissed Rev. Edwin O. Forney to the Philadelphia Classis and Rev. W. D. Lefevre to Mercersburg Classis.

12. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. William M. Landis from the Classis of St. Paul, Rev Henry S. Bassler from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, dismissed Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier and William A. Haas to the Classis of West Susquehanna, Rev. Jacob Kehm to the Classis of Goshenhoppen, Rev. Henry Hoffman to the Classis of Clarion, ordained the Licentiate Tilghman Derr, and erased the name of Licentiate D. P. Deihl from its roll.

13. West Susquehanna Classis dismissed Rev. Jeriah S. Shade to the Classis of Mercersburg, and received Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier from the Classis of East Susquehanna.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis meets on Tuesday before Ascension Day, 1872, at 1 o'clock, P. M., in Salem's Reformed Church, Northampton Co., Pa. Rev. Isaac K. Loos, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Lebanon Classis meets on first Thursday after Whitsuntide, 1872, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in St. John's Church, Hamburg, Pa. Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D. *President*, and Rev. John P. Stein, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Zion's Classis meets on Friday before Trinity Sunday, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa. Rev. William D. C. Rodrock, *President*, and Rev. William R. H. Deatrich, *Stated Clerk*.

4. Maryland Classis meets on Thursday after Whitsuntide, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. in Clear Spring, Washington Co., Md. Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, *President*, and Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Stated Clerk*.

5. North Carolina Classis meets on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1872, at 10 o'clock, A. M. in the Brick Church, Guilford Co., N. C. Rev. J. C. Clapp, *President*, and Rev. George W. Welker, D. D., *Stated Clerk*.

6. Virginia Classis meets on Wednesday before the third Sunday of May, 1872, at 7½ P. M., in Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va. Rev. John Lantz, *President*, and Rev. Henry St. J. Rinker, *Stated Clerk*.

7. Philadelphia Classis meets on Friday after Ascension Day, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in North Wales, Montgomery Co., Pa. Rev. John Gantenbein, *President*, and Rev. Jacob Dahlman, jr., *Stated Clerk*.

8. Mercersburg Classis meets on the first Thursday in June, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in Mercersburg, Pa. Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., *President*, and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*.

9. Goshenhoppen Classis meets on Thursday before Ascension Day, 1872, at 7½ P. M., in Hellertown, Northampton Co., Pa. Rev. Lucian J. Mayer, *President*, and Rev. Tilghman O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

10. New York Classis meets on the first Wednesday after Whitsuntide, 1872, in the Reformed Church N. Y. city. Rev. John F. Busche *President*, and Rev. C. Bank, *Stated Clerk*.

11. Lancaster Classis meets on Friday after Trinity Sunday, 1872, at 7½ P. M., in Reamstown, Lancaster Co., Pa. Rev. John G. Fritchey, *President*, and Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

12. East Susquehanna meets on Friday after Ascension Day, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in Watsontown, Northumberland Co., Pa. Rev. David W. Kelly, *President*, and Rev. Henry Mosser, *Stated Clerk*.

13. West Susquehanna Classis meets on third Wednesday in May, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., in Beavertown, Snyder Co., Pa. Rev. Uriah H Heilman, *President*, and Rev. L. Kryder Evans, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted.

SIMON G. MILLER,
DAN. M WOLFF,
MARCUS BACHMAN,
WILLIAM DICE,
HENRY SNYDER.

The judgment of the Committee in regard to the several items reported as irregularities, was approved. For the action of Synod on the several requests reported, see Article XVI, Appeals and References.

The remaining items in the report were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

The following report was received from the Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, and adopted:

The Committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report:

That no candidates for licensure have presented themselves at this meeting of Synod, and that they accordingly have nothing to report. They therefore ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, *Chairman.*
JOHN S. FOULK,
EDWIN H. NEVIN,
A. B. WINGERD.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Religion and Statistics herewith report as follows:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The reports of the Classes on the State of Religion have been read by your Committee with devout interest.

They abound in evidence, that the Lord has richly blessed the labors of His servants, so that the work of grace has prospered in the churches to which they have administered the Word and Sacraments. The precious promise, "Lo! I am with you alway," has again been verified in the experience of pastors and people during the past Synodical year.

The Classical reports gratefully note the fact, that the annual meetings of the Classes were distinguished for the harmony and brotherly kindness that prevailed. The smoke of past conflicts is disappearing. The differences that formerly divided the brethren are growing less. A calmer interchange of view is leading to mutual forbearance and respect. There is an earnest endeavor to keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

The Classes report also that peace prevails in the congregations. No distracting dissensions are mentioned. The current of congregational history appears to be flowing along smoothly. We have reason

to believe, that our people know by experience "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Such being the condition of the Classes and the congregations, we are justified in concluding, that the work of the Lord has prospered within our bounds. The reports show that there has been encouraging growth both extensively and intensively.

The increase in the membership of the churches has been large. This increase has been secured in the use of divinely instituted means, the faithful preaching of the word both in the pulpit and catechetical class. Numerous houses of worship and parsonages have been erected. Large charges have been divided, and measures were inaugurated for similar divisions. The extension of our Church into new fields has met with gratifying success.

Intensively also there has been growth. We note as evidence thereof: increased attendance upon public worship and the weekly prayer-meeting; a profounder appreciation and more devout use of the Holy Sacraments; larger contributions to benevolent objects; advance in personal holiness. Most of the reports make special mention of growing regard for the Church festivals, the observance of which resulted in marked spiritual benefit.

The Sunday-schools are reported as in a flourishing condition. These nurseries of the lambs of the flock are being brought into closer relations to the Church, and are better conducted than was the case in past years.

Our venerable Catechism is rooting itself deeper into the affections of our people. They also are obtaining a clearer apprehension of the position occupied by our Church, in its relation to the other Churches of Christendom. While they seek to avoid the extreme of pietistic rationalism, they are equally anxious to guard against the extreme of Romanism. It is felt, however, that the present unsettled condition of the religious world is full of peculiar danger. In such a time, when men are saying: "Lo, here is Christ, or there," defections from our faith are liable to occur. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Such defections, in whatsoever direction they occur, are to be ascribed to individual infirmity, and will ultimately be overruled for good.

The Head of the Church has seen fit to summon home several fathers in Israel. Rev. Bernard C. Wolff, D.D., John Rebaugh, and Ephraim Kieffer, all of whom enjoyed the privilege of laboring long, and faithfully, and successfully in the Church on earth, now rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to preserve us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. ZIEBER,
Chairman.

(*For Statistical Tables see Appendix.*)

The following religious exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious exercises.

2. Rev. L. Kryder Evans, Joseph H. Dubbs, and Elder Adam B. Wingerd, were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises. This Committee submitted their report, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Exercises would respectfully submit the following order of services:

Trinity Reformed Church.—Friday evening, sermon by Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Johnston; Saturday afternoon, Preparatory service, by Rev. Aaron R. Hottenstein; Saturday evening, sermon by Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer; Sunday morning Communion sermon, by Rev. John M. Titzell; Sunday afternoon, sermon (German) Rev. John F. Busche; Sunday evening, sermon (English) Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart.

Zion's Reformed Church.—Sunday morning, sermon (English) by Rev. William A. Haas.

Church of the Transfiguration (Evangelical Lutheran.)—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler; Sunday evening, sermon by Rev. John Beck.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel; Sunday evening, sermon by Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple.

Methodist Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. John S. Foulk.

Trinity Reformed Church.—Monday evening, Missionary meeting, conducted by the President or Vice President of Board of Home Missions, at which an opportunity will be given for brief volunteer addresses. Respectfully submitted.

L. K. EVANS,
J. H. DUBBS,
A. B. WINGERD.

The religious services, as appointed by the Committee, were severally observed.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a) Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, directly after the last meeting of the Synod (Nov. 10, 1870) held a

meeting in Harrisburg, at which we appointed a Building Committee, to carry forward the work of erecting buildings as rapidly as possible. The Board also held its regular semi-annual and annual meetings—the first in Mercersburg and the last in Lancaster.

In accordance with the directions of Synod, we have obtained from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, a legal conveyance for the land donated by that institution to the Theological Seminary, and have had the deed for the same regularly engrossed in the records of the Recorder's office of Lancaster county.

We have gone forward with the erection of the buildings needed for the accommodation of the Seminary and its Professors, to the extent that it was possible in the limited time at our command. In view of the fact, that the Seminary could be provided with temporary accommodations in the College building, we deemed it best to erect first the buildings for the use of the Professors. Two houses, large and commodious, well and substantially built, have been erected upon the ground donated by the College, and we expect, by the first of the coming month (November), that the families of our Professors, Drs. Gerhart and Apple, will be in full occupancy. These buildings have cost us thus far about $14,500, but an additional outlay of a few hundred dollars will be necessary to complete the grading, paving, pumps, &c. As far as the work is done, it is paid for in full.

A part of the Library of the Seminary has been removed to Lancaster, and the remainder will follow as soon as we are prepared to receive it.

We have received from Mr. Samuel Sloan, architect, plans for our Seminary building, but as some of the details were not satisfactory to the committee, the plans were returned to him, and are now in his hands for correction and modification; and as soon as made satisfactory to us, we will go forward with our arrangements for erecting a Seminary building. This we hope to complete next summer.

We have also, in accordance with your directions, executed a lease to the Regents of Mercersburg College for the grounds and buildings belonging to the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, and present, in connection with this report, a copy of the lease.

We regret to report to Synod the failure of the General Agent to accomplish the work committed to his hands by your body, at its last annual meeting. We have received from him a letter resigning his position, giving as the cause of his failure, his inability to procure subordinate agents to operate throughout the Church. We should be glad to receive from Synod such suggestions or directions as it may desire to give us, in regard to the future management of this important work.

In connection with this report we also submit the account of the Treasurer of our Board, which will exhibit in detail the condition of our finances. There is a balance due the Treasurer on the General fund of $1047.71; in the treasury of the library fund there is a balance of $303.02, and in the treasury of the removal and endowment fund, a balance of $3394.70. This balance remains, after having paid

the full contract price, $14,400, for the Professors' houses. About $1,000 of this balance is for the Endowment Fund of the Seminary. We have also notes and subscriptions for removal and endowment, amounting to about $11,000, which, when paid, will give us about $14,400 for these purposes.

We have also to announce to Synod the death of one of the oldest and most faithful members of the Board. Our faithful Secretary, George Cook, who, for a long period of years, has earnestly labored with us for the welfare of the Institution, has gone to his reward. He died in Lancaster, while on a visit to his sister, on Sunday, October 1st. Calmly and peacefully he fell asleep in Jesus, sustained and comforted to the end by our glorious faith, which gave him the victory over the terrors of the last enemy.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. ZAHM, } *Committee.*
A. B. WINGERD. }

LEASE OF BUILDINGS AT MERCERSBURG.

Article of agreement made and concluded this twenty-first day of June, A. D., Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-One, by and between the corporation by the name and style of the "Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States," of the one part, and the corporation by the name and style of the "Regents of the Mercersburg College of the other part."

WHEREAS, At the last regular meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, held at Mechanicsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, in the month of October, A. D., Eighteen Hundred and Seventy, the following resolutions were adopted and entered upon the Minutes of the proceedings of said Synod, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the Theological Seminary be removed, during the present year, from Mercersburg to Lancaster, Pa.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary be and hereby are instructed to obtain from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College the legal conveyance to them of the five acres of land offered by the Trustees of said College towards the removal of the Seminary.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary be and hereby are instructed to proceed at once to the erection of such buildings as may be necessary for the proper and permanent use of the Seminary, on the grounds donated by Franklin and Marshall College, and that the buildings be ready for occupancy at the opening of the next term of the Seminary, on the second Wednesday of September, 1871.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary endeavor to prosecute most vigorously the work of completing the collection of

the balance of the amounts still needed to realize the action of the Synod of Hagerstown, in regard to the removal of the Seminary.

5. *Resolved*, That authority be and is hereby given to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of Mercersburg to lease the real estate of the Seminary when vacated, to the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, for educational purposes of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the term of Ninety-nine years, at an annual rent of One Dollar, and that the Synod be exempt from all expenses connected with the property, and that the lessee be required to keep the buildings in repair.

6. *Resolved*, That the Regents of said College shall always have a sufficient insurance on the property.

And *whereas*, afterwards, to wit, on the Twenty-ninth day of May, A. D., Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-one, at a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of the Mercersburg College aforesaid, it was resolved to accept the lease of the real estate of the Theological Seminary aforesaid at Mercersburg, for the period of Ninety-nine years, on the terms and conditions specifically set out in the resolutions above given, which action is duly entered upon the Minutes of the proceedings of said Board.

NOW THIS ARTICLE WITNESSETH:

That the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States leases and devises to the Regents of the Mercersburg College, by virtue and in pursuance of the authority to it given by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, by the resolutions herein before written—for the term of Ninety-nine years, commencing on the first day of July, A. D., Eighteen Hundred and Seventy one, and to determine on the first day of July, A. D., Nineteen Hundred and Seventy, all that certain Lot of Ground, with the buildings thereon erected, situate in the Township of Montgomery, in the immediate vicinity of the Borough of Mercersburg, in the County of Franklin and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and limited as follows, to wit:—Beginning at a point opposite the middle of Seminary street in said Borough, and distant One Hundred feet from the front of the Seminary Edifice erected on said Lot, thence North Five degrees East Two Hundred and Ninety-five feet and Two inches: thence East Five degrees South Two Hundred and Ninety-five feet and Two inches: thence South five degrees West Five Hundred and Ninety feet and Four inches: thence West Five degrees North Two Hundred and Ninety-five feet and Two inches: thence North Five degrees East Two Hundred and Ninety-five feet and Two inches to the place of Beginning, containing Four Acres, and being the same premises that William McKinstry and wife, by deed dated 15th February, A. D., 1838, sold and conveyed to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church of the United States—*vide* Record Book, Vol. 17, page 368. Together with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances to said Lot of Ground belonging or appertaining.

To have and to hold the same, to the said the Regents of the Mercersburg College for and during the term of Ninety-nine years as aforesaid, for educational purposes of the Reformed Church in the United States, and for no other or different purpose whatsoever. In consideration whereof the said, the Regents of the Mercersburg College agree to pay to the said, the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States, an annual rent of One Dollar, in lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the Treasurer of the said the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States, or such other person as may be designated by the proper authority of said Seminary, on the first —— day of July, ——, of each year during the continuance of this lease.

And for a further consideration in this behalf, in pursuance of the herein before recited authority and resolutions, the said the Regents of the Mercersburg College hereby covenant and agree with the said the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States, that they, the Regents of the Mercersburg College, shall and will, from time to time, and at all times during the said term, or the continuance of this lease, well and truly pay in addition to the rent herein before named all rates, taxes and assessments whatsoever that shall or may be assessed, charged or imposed on the said premises or any part thereof, and thereof and therefrom, save harmless and keep indemnified the said the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States, its successors and assignees.

And further, that the said the Regents of the Mercersburg College shall and will from time to time, and at all times during the said term or the continuance of this lease, at their own proper cost and expense well and sufficiently repair, maintain and preserve the premises hereby leased—buildings and improvements belonging to said premises. And at the expiration of said term, or the determination of this lease, will deliver up possession of said premises in as good condition as they now are, reasonable wear and tear and unavoidable accidents excepted.

And further, that they, the said the Regents of the Mercersburg College, shall and will at their own proper cost and charge from time to time during the said term or the continuance of this lease, sufficiently insure all and every the buildings now erected upon the Lot of Ground hereby leased from casualties by fires, said insurance not to be less than fifteen thousand dollars:

And in case any of said buildings or any part thereof shall at any time during the continuance of this lease be destroyed or damaged by fire, that they, the Regents of the Mercersburg College shall and will immediately thereafter rebuild or repair the same, or in default thereof shall and will pay over to the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States the money realized from the insurance thereon. In testimony whereof the said, the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States, and the Regents of the Mercersburg College, the parties hereto, have

hereto affixed the several seals of their respective Corporations the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

Seal of the Theol. Sem.

D. W. GROSS, President. Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

H. SHELLENBERGER,
JACOB HEYSER.

ATTEST:

Seal of the Mercersb'g. Coll.

THOS. G. APPLE, President. Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

J. HEYSER,
JNO. STEWART.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Dauphin County, SS.,
City of Harrisburg, SS.

Be it remembered that on the Twenty-first day of June, A. D., Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-one, before me, H. Shellenberger, a Notary Public in and for said city, personally appeared D. W. Gross, President of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States, one of the corporations within named, and being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he was personally present at the execution of the above written deed of lease or agreement, and saw the common seal of the said corporation of the "Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States," duly affixed thereto, and that the seal so affixed thereto is the common and corporate seal of the said, the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States, and that the above written deed of lease or agreement was duly signed, sealed, and delivered by and as and for the act and deed of the said the "Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States," for the uses and purposes herein mentioned: and that the name of this deponent, subscribed to said deed of lease or agreement as President of said corporation in attestation of the due execution and delivery of the said deed, is of this deponent's own proper and respective handwriting.

D. W. GROSS.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me, a Notary Public. Witness my hand and Seal.

H. SHELLENBERGER,
Notary Public.

SEAL.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Be it remembered that on the Twenty-seventh day of June, A. D., Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-one, before me, a Notary Public, at Chambersburg, in the County of Franklin aforesaid, personally

appeared Thomas G. Apple, President of the Board of Regents of the Mercersburg College, one of the corporations within named, and being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he was personally present at the execution of the above written deed of lease or agreement, and saw the common seal of the said corporation of the Regents of the Mercersburg College duly affixed thereto, and that the seal so affixed thereto is the common and corporate seal of the said the Regents of the Mercersburg College, and that the above written deed of lease or agreement was duly signed, sealed and delivered by and as and for the act and deed of the said the Regents of the Mercersburg College for the uses and purposes therein mentioned; and that the name of this deponent, subscribed to said deed of lease or agreement as President of said corporation in attestation of the due execution and delivery of the said deed, is of this deponent's own proper and respective handwriting.

THOS. G. APPLE.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, before me.—Witness my hand and seal.

JOHN JEFFRIES,
Notary Public. { SEAL. }

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BRETHREN:

I herewith submit my tenth annual report, which must differ but little from former reports. The amount due the Treasurer will again remind the Board of the great necessity of increasing the endowment. I find, by examining the reports of treasurers of other institutions, that your endowment, for its amount, pays quite as promptly as theirs. The failure to pay all interests due is very common. Therefore, nothing short of an increase of endowment will relieve the embarrassment your treasurer experiences in paying your professors their salaries promptly.

Your treasurer sold fifteen hundred dollars of 10.40 government bonds, and invested the proceeds in Greencastle Bank stock, believing it will pay better and be a more permanent investment.

Two hundred dollars tercentenary, and sixty-nine dollars tutorship, principal, have been received, and are in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Classes, as usual, have failed to pay their interests. Mercersburg, Zion, and West Susquehanna, are the only ones that have paid. These three, with Maryland Classis, have always been prompt in paying, and if the others would do the same, it would much relieve the treasury.

The Theological Library Fund was increased one hundred dollars, received from Dr. Higbee for books retained by him, as per understanding with the Faculty, when these books were purchased.

On the Removal Fund there has been received during the year, $12,690,24, and on professors' houses there was paid $14,449,47, and two hundred and five dollars on insurance, which leaves a balance of $3,394,70 in the treasury. Of this balance, however, about one thousand dollars have been given by the donors for endowment. The Board will direct as to this.

Annexed please find statement.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer.*

Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with A B. Wingerd, Treasurer.

1870.		Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 7.	To balance due last year	$847 59	
" 10.	By interest on Kieffer fund		$285 00
" " "	" " Cook "		28 00
" 25. "	P. B. interest, Rev. J. D. Zehring		15 00
" " " " "	" Rev. Daniel Gring		24 00
Nov. 4. " " "	" Rev. Robert Douglas' Estate		30 00
" 16. "	Interest, George Sarbaugh		90 00
" 29. "	" West Susq. Classis, Rev. U. H. Heilman		6 00
1871.			
Jan. 1.	By Interest 5.20 coupons and premium		165 00
" 2. "	" George Carbaugh		90 00
" 6. "	Dividend Greencastle Bank		250 00
" " "	" Farmers and Mech. National Bank, Phila		77 50
" " "	" Girard Bank, Philadelphia		28 80
" " "	" Philadelphia Bank		63 00
" " "	" First National Bank, Reading		30 00
" "	To Amount, Rev. E. E. Higbee's salary	375 00	
" " "	" Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, salary	375 00	
" " "	" Rev. J. B. Kerschner	200 00	
" "	By Dividend Lebanon National Bank		180 00
" " "	" National Bank, Chambersburg		144 00
" 25. "	Interest, from Jno. Mish		60 00
Mar. 6. "	" West Susq. Classis, tutorship, Heilman		52 00
" 24. "	Am't. in full, Rev. J. D. Zehring, P. B		16 50
Apr. 4. "	" Tutorship interest, Lebanon Classis, Leinbach.		30 00
" 4.	To Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary	375 00	
" " "	Rev. E. E. Higbee, D.D., salary	375 00	
" " "	J. B. Kerschner, salary	200 00	
" 11.	By Amount interest, Ter. B., George Besore		90 00
" " "	" Kieffer and Cook, interest, per Tr. Synod		323 85
" " "	" D. S. Reisher		195 00
" 18. "	" Interest, D. W. Gross		24 00
May 4. "	" George Carbaugh		30 00
" " "	" George Sarbaugh		90 00
" 24. "	Interest, tutorship, Wm. E. Schmertz		30 00
June 6. "	" " Mercersburg Classis		60 00
" 14. "	" Rev. Theo. Fouse		12 00
" " "	" Yellow Creek, P. B		21 50
July 1. "	5.20 coupons $150, premium $18		168 00
" 15. "	Dividend Lebanon Bank		180 00
" " "	" Girard Bank, Philada		28 80
" " "	" Girard Philadelphia Bank		63 00
" " "	" Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, Philada		77 50
" " "	" Chambersburg National Bank		144 00
" " "	" Greencastle National Bank		233 20
	Carried over,	$2,747,59	$3,435,65

1871.		Dr.	Cr.
	Amounts brought over,	$2 747 59	$3 435 65
July 15,	To Amount paid George Cook	93 28	
" " "	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart, salary	375 00	
" " "	" Dr. E. E. Higbee, salary	375 00	
" " "	" Rev. J. B. Kerschner, salary	200 00	
Sept. 4.	By Zion Classis, tutorship interest, Wilt		60 00
" " "	West Susq. Classis, tutorship interest, Heilman		20 00
" " "	" " " principal, Heilman		59 00
" 5.	" Widow's Mite, Rev. A. H. Kremer		1 00
" 16.	" Premium on $1,500, 10.40 bonds sold		215 20
" "	To " paid 15 shares Greencastle Bank stock	375 25	
" 19.	" Amount, Schafhirt and Imbrie's bill	54 69	
" 22.	" " D. M. Shannon	37 07	
" 29.	" " M. Fallon	9 94	
" "	" " J. A. Whitmore	5 91	
Oct. 2.	" Amount F. and J. Wardlich, bill	83 26	
" 7.	" " Dr. E. V. Gerhart, salary	375 00	
" "	" " E. E. Higbee, salary	375 00	
" "	" " Rev. J. B. Kerschner, salary	200 00	
" "	" " D. Oaks	2 00	
" 10.	" " H. M. Bushong	23 84	
" "	" " Andrew Beattie	2 00	
" "	By D. H. Reisher's interest		195 00
" "	" Interest on sundry investments		180 00
" "	To Treasurer's salary, and stationery, and postage	125 00	
" "	By Amount Kieffer, interest		285 00
" "	" " Cook, interest		28 43
" "	To " paid Jacob Heyser	27 40	
" "	" " " George Long	39 76	
	Balance due Treasurer		1 047 71
		$5 526 99	$5 526 99

LIBRARY FUND.

CR.

By amount of balance last year	$167 79
" " Interest received, E. J. Zahm	17 00
" " " on investment	37 00
" Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee	100 00
	$321 79

DR.

To amount paid F. W. Christlin	18 77
Amount in Treasury	$303 02

REMOVAL FUND

CR.

By amount recorded last Synod	$ 5 165 93
" " received during the year	[illegible]
" " interest received	[illegible]
	[illegible]

DR.

To amount paid for building	[illegible]	
" " " insurance	[illegible]	
		[illegible]
Balance on hand		[illegible]

Report of Board of Visitors.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary respectfully present the following as their Report to Synod:

The organization of the Board during the past year has been as follows: Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple, *President;* Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, *Treasurer;* Rev. J. S. Kieffer, *Secretary.*

The Board held two meetings during the year; its regular, annual meeting in May, and a special meeting in August.

The following is a list, according to their classes, of the students connected with the Seminary during the past year: in the *Senior* Class, James Crawford, R. Leighton Gerhart, John O. Johnson, Ellis N. Kremer Joel T. Rossiter, Milton H. Sangree, Jonas B. Shontz, Nathaniel Z. Snyder, and J. Calvin Leinbach,—9; in the *Middle* Class, Willoughby Donat, Oscar C. Herman, Christian Kessler, David B. Lady, J. Mortimer Souder, George W. Snyder, Albert E. Truxal, J. B. Welty, Benjamin Weiss,—9; in the *Junior* Class, Samuel A. Bear, Conrad Clever, Henry M. Kieffer, Hiram King, Nathan C. Schaeffer, Albert S. Stauffer, Joseph H. Kerschner, and Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher,—8; in all, 26.

The Faculty in their report, say of the students, that "as a body, they have been faithful and diligent, exemplary in their deportment, and have made good proficiency in their studies." The annual examinations were satisfactory evidence of the faithfulness of the Professors and the industry and progress of the students; while proofs were not wanting, that good order and a sound piety prevailed in the institution.

Those named as belonging to the Senior Class, having, with one exception, completed the Seminary course, and having sustained a satisfactory examination, were granted, at their own request, the regular certificate of dismission and recommendation for licensure. The exception referred to, is that of Mr. J. C. Leinbach, who, having been absent from the Seminary, since the first of January, on account of sickness, and finding no improvement in his health, and being forbidden by his physician to engage in study, requested of the Board that his connection with the Seminary be dissolved. This request was granted.

In their report of last year, the Board expressed regret, "that a number of students are under the necessity of absenting themselves a portion of the time for the purpose of teaching and otherwise replenishing their resources." This regret needs to be reiterated in the present report. The Faculty reported *five* students absent, at the close of the session, engaged in teaching school, some from the first of April, and some for a shorter time. This is one or two more than were announced as absent the previous year. It ought to be said, however, that, in every case, there seemed to exist a real necessity, upon which the Faculty based their action in granting leave of absence. The Board, though deeply regretting what must ordinarily be regarded as a dangerous irregularity, felt constrained to acquiesce

in the action of the faculty, with respect to those particular students; resolved at the same time, however, that, before being permitted to re-enter their classes in the fall, said students be required to pass a satisfactory examination.

Mr. Benjamin Weiss of the Middle Class, was, at his request, granted leave of absence for one year.

The Board has no recommendation to make respecting the appointment of a Traveling Tutor.

Important changes in the Seminary during the past year, necessitated some special action on the part of the Board These changes were the removal of the Seminary to Lancaster, and the withdrawal of two of the Professors from the Faculty. The Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, Professor of Church History and Exegesis, having informed the Board of his intention to resign the position occupied by him in the Seminary, the resignation to take effect at the beginning of the next session in September; and the Tutor, Rev. Prof. J. B. Kerschner, having declined a reappointment, it became necessary for the Board to take steps for the calling of a special meeting of Synod, to fill these two places. This was accordingly done, and, by the action of the Board, a special meeting of Synod was secured at Lancaster, in July, with what result is known to all.

When it became apparent, that, notwithstanding the action of Synod, the Seminary on opening at Lancaster, in the Fall, would still be left with but one Professor, a special meeting of the Board was held at Chambersburg, to consider what course might be most expedient. It was then, in view of the circumstances as above stated, resolved, that the Faculty of F. and M. College be requested to render assistance in teaching in the Seminary, until the regular meeting of Synod. The Board understands also, that the Faculty of the College have complied with this request, and that the work of the Seminary, up to this time, has been going regularly forward.

During the year, thirty-nine students have received assistance from the Board.

The Report of the Treasurer, accompanying this document, will exhibit the financial condition of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. G. APPLE, President.

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, Secretary.

I. SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Education of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

CR.

By balance in Treasury, October, 1860	$ 287 49
By cash received from the Classis of East Pennsylvania....	450 00
" Lebanon.....	1.028 22
Carried forward,	$1,765 71

Amount brought forward,		$1,765 71
By cash received from the Classis of	Zion	361 11
"	Philadelphia	253 39
"	Maryland	66 11
"	Mercersburg	1,178 02
"	Goshenhoppen	661 37
"	Lancaster	285 00
"	East Susquehanna	276 74
"	West Susquehanna	388 87
"	Iowa	25 00
"	Int. and Dividends	171 68
"	Miscellaneous	23 00
		$5,456 00

DR.

To cash paid beneficiaries of Classis of	East Penna	$ 430 00
"	Lebanon	993 22
"	Zion	430 00
"	Philadelphia	273 60
"	Mercersburg	1,092 91
"	Goshenhoppen	466 95
"	Lancaster	275 00
"	West Susquehanna.	313 23
"	Iowa	150 00
"	Clarion	150 00
"	General	690 91
"	Interest	60 00
"	Expenses	4 50
Balance in Treasury		125 68
		$5,456 00

Permanent Assets of the Board.

Nine shares of Harrisburg National Bank Stock, par value $25 per share, yielding dividends $36 per year, equal to	$ 600 00
One Government Bond	1,000 00
Loaned on Interest	1,138 44
	$2,738 44

Indebtedness of Board.

Loan effected April 1st, 1870, on which the interest is paid to October 1st, 1871	$1,000 00

I have examined the foregoing account, per vouchers, and found it correct, showing a balance of $125,68 in the Treasury.

Oct. 20th, 1871. D. Y. HEISLER.

II. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following report was received from the Committee, to whom was referred by the Special Synod held in July last, the subject of the appointment of a Theological Tutor, together with the memorial of a number of German ministers, in regard to a German Professorship in the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Committee to whom the late Special Synod referred the subject of the Seminary Tutorship, together with the Petition in regard to a German Professor, report respectfully:

That they have bestowed much thought on the subject, but after all inquiry have not been able to settle their minds on any one, whom they can positively nominate at this time, as both qualified and attainable for the vacant situation in the Seminary. One great difficulty in the case, of course, is the lowness of the salary. Not venturing to make any nomination for the tutorship, therefore, the Committee can do no more than to submit to the consideration of Synod these points:

1. That the Tutorship be raised to a regular Professorship by increasing its endowment and that this be a German Professorship, to be occupied by a German Professor, for the training of young men especially for the use of the German language, in the service of the German portion of our Church.

2. That our German ministry and churches be called upon to cooperate actively in providing means for the support of a Second German Professorship in Franklin and Marshall College, who shall give instruction exclusively in the German language, and in connection with the other German Professors in the College and Seminary, assist in preparing young men for the Christian ministry in the use of the German language.

3. That in case such exclusively German Professorships should be established, it be hereafter provided, that all appointments to them be made by the German part of our Church in any way satisfactory to themselves, subject only to the approbation and sanction of this Synod.

J. W. NEVIN, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL R. FISHER,
JACOB DAHLMAN, Jr.,
A. H. KREMER,
JOSEPH LAUBACH.

The following communication was received from the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, who had been elected by the Synod at Hagerstown, in 1868, to the Professorship of "Biblical Exegesis," and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to convene at Pottstown, Oct. 17, 1871.

Dear Brethren:

It is probably apparent generally by this time, that my election to the chair of Biblical Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, by the Synod of Hagerstown, was premature; and as the Synod might be disposed to make other arrangements with the funds secured for this chair, I desire herewith, by my declination of the call which you have placed in my hands, to leave the Synod entirely free, so far as I am concerned, so to do.

Very respectfully.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1871. D. GANS.

The following communication was received from the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Professor elect to the professorship of "Church History and Biblical Literature," and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

Rev. A. H. Kremer, and Dr. S. R. Fisher, President and Stated Clerk, Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dear Brethren:

I hereby accept the call to the professorship of Church History and Biblical Literature in the Eastern Seminary, to which I was elected by the Synod which met in Lancaster on the 12th of July last. I have taken full time to deliberate earnestly and prayerfully on this call, which you extended to me by the direction of Synod. In this deliberation I have been assisted by a very general expression of opinion, in addition to the almost unanimous vote of the Synod, from various portions of the Church.

It is with much regret, that I thus separate myself from the institution in which I have labored for the last six years, and which has performed and is performing a good work for the Church. My desire was to remain at my present post, as was expressed to the Synod when my name was brought forward in nomination. But I believe this institution is now placed upon a basis, which will ensure, under the wise direction of its friends, its future success and prosperity.

In accepting this call, I am conscious of the need of better special preparation for the work which I am to perform in the chair filled so ably by Dr. Schaff, and my immediate predecessor, Dr. Higbee. But whatever talent or qualification I have to labor in the Theological department of our institutions, I willingly subject to the wish and direction of the Synod of the Church. I desire that Synod may allow me time until the 1st of January, 1872, to enter upon my labors in the Seminary

Please convey to Synod my thanks for the honor it has conferred upon me in electing me to this responsible position.

Yours in the Lord,

Mercersburg, Sep. 20th, 1871. THOS. G. APPLE.

III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom had been referred the annual reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, together with the report of the Committee on the Theological Tutorship and the communications from the Revs Drs Daniel Gans and Thomas G. Apple, submitted their report. It was received and, after considerable discussion, resulting in various amendments, adopted. Their report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary have examined the papers and reports placed in their hands, and respectfully beg leave to present the following report:

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

From this Board we learn, that, during the past year, it held three meetings. In accordance with the instructions received from the Synod of last year, the Board obtained from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, the legal conveyance of five acres of land to be used as a site for the erection of buildings for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Upon this ground it has erected substantial and commodious houses for the use of the Professors; but, inasmuch as the other accommodations can be temporarily supplied in the College building, it has postponed the erection of the other buildings till next summer. These buildings have thus far cost fourteen thousand five hundred dollars. Besides this an additional outlay of a few hundred dollars will be required. The Board has removed part of the Seminary library to Lancaster, and expects to remove the remainder before long.

The Board has executed a lease to the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the ground and buildings belonging to the Seminary at Mercersburg.

The general agent appointed to collect the money pledged towards the removal of the Seminary has resigned his position. The Board suggests the appointment of a suitable person in his place, to prosecute the work of endowment, and provide for all the wants of the Seminary.

The Board reports that there is a balance due the Treasurer of one thousand and forty-seven dollars and seventy-one cents. A balance remains in the Treasury of the Library Fund of three hundred and three dollars and two cents, and in the treasury of the Removal and Endowment Fund a balance of three thousand three hundred and ninety-four dollars and seventy cents. Besides this, the Board has notes and subscriptions for removal and endowment, amounting to about eleven thousand dollars.

The Board reports the death of George Cook, one of its oldest members and for many years its Secretary.

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Board as reported, be approved.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be authorized to secure the services of such an agent as is recommended in their report.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

This Board reports that during the year twenty six students have been connected with the Seminary.

It held two meetings and reports that the studious habits and Christian deportment of the students were highly commendable.

The Board reports that Prof. Dr. E. E. Higbee and Prof. J. B. Kerschner have resigned their respective positions. At a special meeting of Synod in July, Dr. T. G Apple was elected Professor of Church History and Exegesis.

In a letter from Dr. Apple in the hands of the Committee, he signifies his acceptance of the call to the Professorship, and we recommend that his year commence with the regular Seminary year.

Your Committee also holds a letter from the Rev. Dr. Gans, in which he declines the call to the chair of Biblical Exegesis tendered him by this Synod.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education reports, that he has received during the year five thousand, four hundred and fifty six dollars.

In view of the fact, that the Seminary, on opening at Lancaster in the fall, would be left with but one professor, the Board resolved that the Faculty of Franklin and Marshall College be requested to render assistance in teaching until the regular meeting of Synod, which was readily granted by the above named Faculty.

Your Committee submits the following propositions for adoption:

1. That steps be taken at this time, looking to the establishment of a German Faculty in the Theological Seminary, with Professors of its own, to prepare young men to officiate in the German language.

2. That the Theological Tutorship be raised to a regular professorship, by increasing its endowment, and that this be a German Professorship, to be occupied by a German professor, for the training of young men expressly for the service of the German portion of the Church, in the use of the German language.

3 That the Professors elect shall occupy with their classes, in conjunction with the present Faculty, the Seminary building, to be erected at Lancaster, and with them, shall so arrange the hours of recitation, that all the students, if possible, may have access to the lectures of both departments.

4. That all German ministers and churches be called upon to cooperate actively, in providing means for the support of a Second German Professor in Franklin and Marshall College, who shall give instruction exclusively in the German language, and in connection with the other German Professors in the College and Seminary, assist in preparing young men for the Christian ministry in the use of the German language.

5. That, in case such exclusively German Professorships be established, it be hereafter provided, that all appointments to them be made by the German part of our Church, in any way satisfactory to

themselves, subject only to the approbation and sanction of this Synod and of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

Respectfully submitted.

B. BAUSMAN,
D. Y. HEISLER,
S. KUHN,
JOHN P. REED,
WM. J. HENSELL, *Committee.*

The following additional resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be requested to appoint an agent or agents, whose special duty it shall be to secure a full endowment for the newly established German Professorship.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be requested to furnish the Synod at its next annual meeting, with a full statement of the condition of the Funds of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary be authorized to make temporary arrangements for supplying the teaching of the Theological Tutor, until said fund shall be occupied by the German Professorship.

Resolved, That this Synod proceed to the election of a Professor to fill the chair of Biblical Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, and that said Professor shall take his position immediately, or as soon hereafter as he can make his arrangements to do so satisfactorily to himself.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be directed to take immediate steps for the support of the Professorship until it shall be fully endowed.

The last two of the above resolutions were subsequently reconsidered, and after considerable discussion, the further consideration of them was postponed until the next annual meeting of Synod.

IV. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.

Joshua Motter, Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, David Zeller, James Cushwa, Edward J. Zahm, Jacob Heyser, David B. Russell, Charles Santee, Dr. Isaac Lefever, John Heilman, Owen L. Schreiber and David Eshbach, of the former Board were retained. In the place of those, whose names are omitted, William A. Wilt, of York, Pa., John B. Roth, of Lancaster, Pa., Jonathan Reber of ———, Pa., and George W. Hensel, of Quarryville, Pa., were elected.

Board of Visitors.

Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Joseph W. Santee, Isaac G. Brown, William Goodrich, Amos H. Kremer, P. Seibert Davis, Daniel Y. Heisler, Charles H. Leinbach, Samuel G. Wagner, and Charles F.

McCauley, of the former board were retained. In the place of those whose names are omitted, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bausman and Dr. Theodore Appel were elected.

V. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOL SEMINARY.

The committee appointed by the Synod at Mechanicsburg, to inaugurate measures for the proper celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Theological Seminary, reported progress, and was continued. The Rev. Dr. Franklin W. Kremer, as reported by the Committee on Overtures addressed a communication to Synod, in which he asks to be excused from serving on this committee. His request was granted, and the Rev. Wm K. Zeiber substituted in his place. The committee, as now constituted, consists of the Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, William K. Zieber, Joseph H. Dubbs, and Elders William H. Seibert and Elias Laubach.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The following statements were received from the Treasurers of General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod respectfully reports the receipts from October 17th, 1870, to October 18th, 1871, to be the sum of seven thousand four hundred and two dollars and thirty-five cents (7,402,35).

Amount paid out during the same period, seven thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars ($7,571).

Balance due the Treasurer, $168,65.

Orders on hand unpaid, $1,195.

Of the amount pledged for Home Missions at the Synod of Mechanicsburg, ($2,115) $611,50 remain unpaid.

The annexed statement will exhibit the sources of the contributions of the four Synods and twenty-two Classes.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer*
B. H. M. General Synod Ref. Church.

PHILADELPHIA, October 18th, 1871.

CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

EASTERN SYNOD.	DR.
Classis of Philadelphia,.....	$1,028 01
" East Penna.....	1,020 36
Carried over,	$2,048 37

	Amount brought over,	$2, 048 37
Classis of	Lebanon	912 82
"	Goshenhoppen	817 08
"	Mercersburg	615 88
"	East Susquehanna	611 05
"	West "	538 77
"	Lancaster	461 44
"	Zion	383 44
"	Maryland	179 77
"	Virginia	150 83
"	New York	60 00
		$6,779 45

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

Classis of	West New York	$84 32
"	Westmoreland	5 00
		$89 32

SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Classis of	Iowa	$125 00
"	St. John	91 25
"	Eastern Ohio	47 50
"	Illinois	33 32
"	Tiffin	21 11
		$318 18

SYNOD OF THE NORTH WEST.

Classis of	Erie	$140 23
"	Milwaukee	56 77
"	Indiana	18 40
		$215 40

RECAPITULATION.

From the Synod of the Ref. Church in the U. S.		$6,779 45
"	Ohio and Adjacent states	318 18
"	Pittsburgh	89 32
"	the North West	215 40
		$7,402 35
Paid out, including balance due the Treasurer		$7,571 00
Balance due the Treasurer		$168 65

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The following is the statement submitted by George Gelbach, Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund, to the General Synod's Board of Missions as comprising the Receipts and Di[illegible] the year commencing with October 8d, 187[illegible] 2d, 1871.

RECEIPTS.

Received from different congregations, Sunday-schools, etc ,		$3,941 31

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to different churches, as designated.....	$3,765 63	
Balance due Treasurer, Oct. 3d, 1871.....	1,432 69	$5,198 23
Balance due Treasurer, Oct. 2d, 1871.....		$1,256 92

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing statements were referred, submitted their report, which was received and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report, that the following documents have been placed in their hands:

The financial report of the Treasurer of Home Missions, and of the Treasurer of Church Extension.

A summary report of the former shows, that during the past synodical year, the sum of seven thousand four hundred and two dollars was received; and the amount paid out during this period is seven thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars. Thus a balance of one hundred and sixty-eight dollars and sixty-five cents is due the Treasurer.

Besides this, the Treasurer has unpaid orders on hand, amounting to eleven hundred and ninety-five dollars.

Of the amount of pledges taken at the last regular meeting of Synod at Mechanicsburg, six hundred and fourteen dollars and fifty cents remain still unpaid, which is almost one half the amount required to enable the Treasurer to meet the orders due the missionaries and pay the balance due him.

In view of this fact, your Committee would recommend this Synod to enjoin upon the delinquents to pay the pledged amounts as speedily as possible.

So far as your Committee can learn of the operations of the Board, during the past year, we can speak of them only in the most commendable terms. Not that the Board have prosecuted the work as effectually as the wants of the Church seem to imperatively demand; this they could not do; but they have shown themselves highly worthy of the confidence of the whole Church, workmen who need not be ashamed of their labor. But the Church at large has failed to come up to the help of the missionary cause. The response has been by no means commensurate to the wants of the Church, nor has this weak response come as promptly as the zealous men who compose the Board, and our few struggling missionaries, had a right to expect. The [illegible] has had its hands tied. It has been compelled to turn away [illegible]hful, earnest, and self-sacrificing missionaries, who, if fostered [illegible]years, would make their missionary stations self-sustaining.

We are glad to report as one of the favorable evidences of the working of the Board, that a number of missionary charges have within the past year become self sustaining.

It has come to the knowledge of your Committee, that the General Board of Missions has been receiving but little aid from congregations which lie within the bounds of the other Synods belonging to the Church; it seems to be sustained chiefly, if not entirely, by the members of our Synod. The Committee would, therefore, recommend to your favorable consideration, the propriety of Synod creating its own Board of Missions to act in conjunction with the General Board, through which it shall carry on its own missionary work. This plan of missionary operations has been already adopted by several of the District Synods.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Under this head your Committee can make no definite report, as they have received no official documents on the subject. From a conference with the President of the German Evangelical Mission Society in the U. S., Rev. John F. Busche, we learn, that, according to the instructions of the General Synod in the U. S., the Treasurer of said Board paid to said society the interest of the fund in his hand; also that the general contributions which were received by the Treasurer of the General Synod's Board were regularly paid over to said Evangelical Mission Society.

It is with pleasure we learn, through the President of this Society, that the Rev. Mr. Lohr, a minister of our Church, is actively and successfully engaged in the missionary work in East India, disseminating the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, and instructing these benighted people in the doctrines of our holy religion, as these are set forth in the confessional symbol of our Church, the Heidelberg Catechism.

In view of the great importance of the missionary work, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved. That the cause of Missions be renewedly commended to the liberality and prayers of all our members.

Resolved, That the pastors of the different Classes composing this Synod be requested to preach during this synodical year, suitable sermons on Home and Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

L. D LEBERMAN,
N H. SKYLES,
STEPH. K. KREMER,
LEWIS MARSTELLER,
GEO. W. HENSEL, *Committee.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of our missionary operations in the South.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, John F. Busche, Marcus Bachman, and Elders W. Jephtha Hensell and William H. Bargelt, were

appointed the committee called for in this resolution. The committee submitted their report. It was received, amended and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of our missionary operations in the South, respectfully report,

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and sought such information as was within reach, obtained especially from persons conversant with the conditions and wants of our churches in the South. As the result, they are fully convinced, that, whilst there are many and large fields open to the Church in different directions, for missionary operations, none seem to be more inviting or present stronger claims to the especial attention of the Reformed Church, and especially of this Synod, than that embraced in the field, covered by the Shenandoah Valley, Va., and Western North Carolina. Your committee, therefore, recommend, as the most efficient method of meeting the wants in the case, the adoption of the following resolutions:

1.) *Resolved*, That this Synod organize a Board of Missions, to consist of seven members, and to be auxiliary to the Board of the General Synod.

2.) *Resolved*, That the attention of the newly constituted Board be directed to the promising fields in the States of Virginia and North Carolina.

3.) *Resolved*, That the various Classes be directed to report to this Board, the amount contributed within their bounds for missionary operations, and the number of missions under their charge, and also contribute as much as possible towards the general work of the Board of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.
SAML. R. FISHER, *Chairman.*
J. F. BUSCHE.
MARCUS BACHMAN,
WM. J. HENSELL,
W. H. BARGELT.

The Rev. Samuel N. Callender, David E. Klopp, and Elder John P. Reed, were appointed a committee to nominate a double number of persons, from whom to elect the Board provided for in the previous report. This committee reported on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions, and the election was ordered to take place at half past two o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. The election was held at the time appointed. Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, John S. Foulk, and Elder John Wiest were appointed tellers, who received the ballots and retired to count them. They subsequently reported the result to the President, who announced, that Rev. Jacob O. Miller, William K. Zeiber, Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Edmund R. Eschbach, Amos H. Kremer, and Elders William A. Wilt, and Henry Wirt, were elected the Board of Home Missions.

As provided for in the report of the Committee on Religious Exer-

cises, a meeting in behalf of Home Missions was held on Monday evening. The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bausman, President of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, presided. The services were opened by singing a hymn, reading of a portion of Scripture and prayer by the Rev. Martin A. Smith. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Samuel N. Callender and Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, the former in relation to the openings for missionary operations in the Shenandoah Valley, of Virginia, and the latter in relation to the missionary field in North Carolina. Remarks were also made by other brethren, and contributions and subscriptions received in aid of Missions. The exercises were closed with prayer, the doxology, and benediction by the presiding officer.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their annual report, accompanied with the annual report of the Treasurer which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

To the Rev. Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your Board presents the following report:

The following members constitute the Board:

Eld George H. Small,	whose term	will	expire,	January 1,	1872
Rev. Chas. H. Leinbach,	"	"	"	"	1873
Eld. Henry Wirt,	"	"	"	"	1874
Rev. W. H. H. Snyder	"	"	"	"	1875
Eld. Wm. H. Seibert,	"	"	"	"	1876

Inasmuch as the term of Elder Geo. H. Small will expire on the 1st of January, 1872, we propose the name of John J. Nissly of Hummelstown, Pa., and Dr. O. T. Everhart, of Marysville, Pa., as suitable persons to fill said vacancy.

The Board held two meetings during the present year, and are happy in saying, the financial affairs of Synod are in a healthy condition, as will be seen by examining the statements of the Treasurer.

The Board passed the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the Classes of Clarion and St. Paul's are delinquent in the payment of the assessment made upon them by the Synod for the Contingent Fund for 1869; and whereas the said Classes have connected themselves with the Pittsburgh Synod, and are, therefore, no longer members of this Synod. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Board respectfully directs the attention of Synod to the subject, and requests your body to take such action as you may deem proper. CHAS. H. LEINBACH, *President.*

TULPEHOCKEN, PA, *October* 18th, 1871.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

RY WIRT, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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70.		*Receipts on Contingent Fund.*		
ber	31.	East Susquehanna Classis, D. Eschbach Treasurer.....		$ 230 00
mber	11.	Goshenhoppen " D. B Mauger, "		125 00
71.				
ary	5.	E. Pennsylvania " Rev. J. Beck, "		125 00
h	3.	Philadelphia " Rev. J. Dahlman, Jr. Treasurer		125 00
	24.	Virginia " Rev. H. St. J. Rinker, "		25 00
	25.	Philadelphia " Rev. J. Dahlman, Jr, "		100 00
e	8.	North Carolina " Rev. T. Long, Treasurer.....		35 00
	9.	Lancaster " Rev. A. H. Kremer, Treasurer		100 00
	21.	Maryland " Rev. S. S. Miller, "		100 00
	30.	Zion " William A. Wilt, "		100 00
y	1.	New York " Rev. J. F. Busche, "		15 00
	21.	Lebanon " Rev. A. S. Leinbach, "		100 00
	31.	W. Susquehanna " Rev. U. H. Heilman, "		70 00
gust	10.	E. Susquehanna " D. Eschbach, "		90 00
"	28.	Mercersburg " Rev. Dr. Kieffer, "		100 00
ptember	5.	E. Pennsylvania " Rev. John Beck, "		100 00
1870.				
tober	8.	To Cash from J. Heyser 6 mos. interest on Mortgage.....		285 60
1871.				
larch	14.	" " Six months' Interest on Cook Legacy (in currency)		38 85
pril	12.	" " J. Heyser, six months' interest on Mortgage.....		285 00
tober	4.	" " One year's interest on Northern Central Railway Bond.....		58 50
"	4.	" " Six months interest on Cook Legacy.....		28 43
"	13.	" " Jacob Heyser, six months' interest on Mortgage....		285 00
		Balance in Treasury from last year.....		137 72
				$2,658 50

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1870.		By Payments, as follows:	
October	8.	By Cash to A. B. Wingerd, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary, six months' interest on Kieffer and Cook Legacies	$ 313 01
1871.			
March	3.	" " J. B. Rodgers Co., for Printing English and German Minutes of Synod.....	470 36
"	3.	" " Rev. Dr. Fisher, Salary as Stated Clerk of Synod, Traveling Expenses, Postage, and Expenses forwarding advance copies of Minutes.....	106 00
"	14.	" " Rev. Dr. Gerhart, for Expenses incurred by Committee appointed to secure Manuscripts of the late Dr. Harbaugh.....	24 00
April	12.	" " A. B. Wingerd, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary, six months' interest on Kieffer and Cook Legacies.....	323 85
May	25.	" " W. D. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod, on Contingent Assessment.....	100 00
June	30.	" " W. D. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod, Balance in full on Contingent Assessment.....	450 00
Sept.	28.	" " Rev. M. Bachman, Salary as German Clerk of Synod, and Traveling Expenses.....	58 00
October	14.	" " A. B. Wingerd, Treasuror Theol. Seminary, six months' Interest on Kieffer and Cook Funds.....	313 43
		Carried over.....	$2,158 64

Amount brought over	$2,158
Balance in Treasury	499
	$2,658

The following Classes are still in arrears on former Contingent Fund Assessment,

St. Paul's	Classis	$50
Clarion	do	40
Lancaster	do	65
Goshenhoppen	do	100
	Total	$255

Investments held for Synod by the Treasurer, October 15th, 1871.

"Cook Legacy," $1,200 U. S. 10–40 Bonds.
"Kieffer Fund," $9,500 loaned on Bond and Mortgage—$5,000 to Jacob Hey and $4,500 to Estate of Wm. Heyser, deceased.
"Gerhart Donation," $300 U. S. 5–20 Bonds.
$1,000 Northern Central Railway Bond, No. 24, due in year 1900.

Respectfully submitted.
HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer.*

HANOVER,
October 15th, 1871.

To the Board of Trustees of Synod:

Your Committee appointed to audit the within account of the Treasurer, resp fully report, that they find the same correct.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
W. H. SEIBERT.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from Stated Clerk of the Classis of Clarion, presenting the request of Classis to be released from the assessment laid upon it by the Sy at Danville. The request of the Classis was granted.

Two items in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Syn relating to instructions to the Treasurer of Synod in regard to ch ing interest upon assessments remaining unpaid after a specified d were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was ceived and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report as follows:

Two documents were referred to your Committee, namely, the nual report of the Treasurer, and the report of the Board of Trust of Synod.

The receipts of the last Synodical year amount to $2658,50, the expenditures for the same period, aggregate $2158,64, thus le ing a balance in the treasury of Synod of $499,86.

The sum of $215,00 is still due from the following delinqu Classes on former assessments: St. Paul's, $50,00, Lancaster, $65, Goshenhoppen, $100,00.

Your Committee estimate the expenses for the current year $750,00, and in order to enable the Treasurer to meet the assesm of the next General Synod, we add $1000,00 for that purpose to current expenses to be assessed. Total $1700,00.

To meet this, there is in the Treasurer's hands.....	$499 86
Due from delinquent Classes.....	215 00
	$714 86

To meet the expenses of Synod, your Committee have made the following assessment:

		New.	*Old.*	
East Pennsylvania Classis,.....		$120 00		
Lebanon	"	120 00		
Zion's	"	120 00		
Maryland	"	120 00		
Philadelphia	"	120 00		
Mercersburg	"	120 00		
Goshenhoppen	"	120 00	$100 00	
Lancaster	"	90 00	65 00	
East Susquehanna	"	100 00		
West Susquehanna	"	70 00		
Virginia	"	30 00		
North Carolina	"	25 00		
New York	"	20 00		
St. Paul's	"		50 00	
		$1185 00	$215 00	Total $1400 00

The Board of Trustees call the attention of Synod to the assessment due by the Classes of Clarion and St. Paul, in connection with the Pittsburg Synod since 1869. Your Committee recommend to Synod to relieve the Classis of St. Paul from paying the assessment, for the same reason as Clarion Classis was released.

From the report of the Board of Trustees, your Committee learn, that the term of Elder George H. Small will expire on the first of January, 1872, and the Board propose the names of John J. Nissly, Esq., of Hummelstown, Pa., and O. T. Everhart, M.D., of Marysville, Pa., as suitable candidates to fill the vacancy.

First, With reference to the first of the two items in the report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod, referred to your Committee, instructing the Treasurer to charge interest from July, 1870 on back-standing assessments or parts thereof remaining unpaid on the 1st of January, 1871, your Committee would state, that the report of the Treasurer shows, that no interest was charged to the Classes of Philadelphia, Lancaster, North Carolina, Clarion and St. Paul, who paid back-standing assessments after the 1st of January, 1871.

Second, In regard to the standing rule of Synod instructing the Treasurer to charge interest on all assessments or part of assessments for Contingent Fund, made by Synod, remaining unpaid after the 1st [illegible] following, your Committee would state, that the report of the [illegible] shows that no interest was charged to the Classes of Leba- [illegible] Susquehanna, East Susquehanna, Mercersburg. East [illegible] which paid after the first of July. The Classes of Lan-

caster and Goshenhoppen are still delinquent in paying their assessment.

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB DAHLMAN, JR.,
JOHN G. NEUBER,
A. F. ZIEGLER,
C. ROTH,
WM. A. WILT.

In connection with action of Synod on the above report, it was ordered, that an election be held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod immediately after the usual election has been held for delegates to Corresponding bodies, and members of the Boards connected with the Theological Seminary. The election was held as directed. Rev. William A. Haas, Daniel M. Wolff and Elder William A. Wilt were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them and reported the result. John J. Nissly, Esq., of Hummelstown, Pa., was elected in the room of George H. Small, Esq., whose term expires January 1st, 1872.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of the Treasurer of Synod be called to the standing rule, requiring interest to be charged on all assessments made upon the Classes, remaining unpaid on the 1st of July following the time of assessment.

On the afternoon of the second day of the sessions, the Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs and Elder James T. Reber, were appointed a committee to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents from each delegate and advisory member of Synod, to defray the immediate contingent expenses of the present sessions. This committee subsequently submitted the following report.

The committee appointed to take up a collection for the Sexton of Trinity Church would respectfully report, that they have secured from members of Synod and others the sum of $28,09.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. DUBBS, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted, and the committee instructed to pay the amount to the person entitled to receive it.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

No appeals occurred.

In relation to the requests of the Classes of Mercersburg, Virginia, and Zion in regard to the formation of a new Synod, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, it was

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Classes proposed to be included in the new Synod have not all united in the request, this Synod has no constitutional basis at present on which to act in the case.

The Classis of West Susquehanna as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to provide the Church with a new Hymn Book. This request was referred to the General Synod.

The Synod declined to accede to the request of the Classis of Philadelphia, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asking Synod to provide for having included in the objects presented under the head of Benevolent Contributions in the Statistical Tables, the contributions to the general objects of the Church.

The Synod acceded to the request of the Classis of Philadelphia, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asking to be excused for an irregularity in the call of a special meeting named.

The following resolution was adopted in connection with the action of Synod on the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports:

Resolved, That the Classes be directed to furnish full statistical reports hereafter.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read and referred to the Committee on Publication. This report is as follows:

Annual Report of the Board of Publication for the year ending September 30th, 1871.

The Board of Publication herewith submits its annual report. Quarterly meetings during the year were regularly held, with one exception, and the business entrusted to the Board received proper attention. The following synopsis of the Annual Report

submitted to the Board at its annual meeting on the 11th instant, will furnish a pretty clear idea of the present condition of the establishment.

RECEIPTS OF THE YEAR.

Subscriptions to the "Messenger" and advertising	$8,286 20
" " "Kirchenzeitung" "	2,468 62
" " "Guardian,"	1,174 98
" " "Review,"	636 72
" " "Child's Treasury,"	2,407 01
" " "Lammerhirte,"	1,143 96
Publishing Fund	132 50
Receipts in store	20,515 00
Loan	1,400 00
Proceeds of notes discounted	984 24
Miscellaneous receipts	30 03
Total receipts from all sources	$39,179 26

DISBURSEMENTS.

Notes and balance due last year paid	$5,426 70
Interest and discount	687 78
"Messenger," composition, press work and expediting	3,551 69
"Kirchenzeitung," " " "	2,111 20
"Guardian," " " "	715 66
"Review," " " "	703 85
"Child's Treasury," " " "	398 42
"Lammerhirte," " " "	703 49
Paper bought for Messenger	2,488 85
" Kirchenzeitung	736 45
" Guardian	342 90
" Review	298 00
" Child's Treasury	1,594 91
" Lammerhirte	507 64
" Books	1,596 33
" Almanacs	162 52
Percentage or agency account	471 22
Book Fund account	484 55
Binding account	2,634 61
Cuts	28 50
Insurance	100 00
Postage and Revenue Stamps	371 68
Salaries of Editors, Contributors, and other employees	8,091 00
Coal	25 75
Gas	28 06
Rent	600 00
Freight	45 02
Copy money	1,054 64
Excise Tax and License	15 24
Stock for store	5,169 70
	$41,146 36

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Total Disbursements	$41,146 36
Total Receipts	39,179 26
Excess of Disbursements	$1,967 10

LIABILITIES.

October 1871.	$18,566 27
" 1870.	17,540 08
Increase of Liabilities	$1,026 19

ASSETS.

Due for books	$ 6,890 20
Due on "Messenger,"	10,224 00
" "Kirchenzeitung,"	8,983 00
" "Guardian,"	2,327 00
" "Child's Treasury,"	1,855 23
" "Lammerhirte,"	644 53
" "Review,"	1,000 00
Stock in store	9,649 51
Books in sheet	5,055 55
Due bills	650 00
Stereotype plates	6,647 45
Cuts	488 50
Fixtures in store	800 00
Publishers' rights purchased	1,000 00
Copy rights	1,335 00
Book stamps	114 00
Paper on hand	745 30
Advertising account	600 00
Total Assets	$53,959 27

SUMMARY OF ASSETS.

October 1871.	$53,959 27
" 1870.	50,249 72
Increase of Assets	$3,709 55
Less increase of Liability	1,026 19
Nett Increase	$2,683 36

Forty-seven thousand, two hundred and fifty copies of books, including five thousand copies of Almanac for 1871, have been issued during the year.

An encouraging increase has been made to the subscription lists of the "Messenger," "Guardian," "Child's Treasury," and "Lammerhirte." There has been a small increase to the list of the "Review," and a falling off of over one hundred subscribers from that of the "Kirchenzeitung."

The pruning process, in relation to the subscription lists of the several papers, has been vigorously applied by the Mail Clerk during the year, so that they are becoming more and more freed from unprofitable subscribers.

Continued efforts have been made to collect outstanding dues. The success attending them has not been as encouraging as was to be desired. They will be continued in future and pressed, if possible, more vigorously than even heretofore. It seems impossible to carry on our

operations without having more than is convenient or desirable in assets in the shape of dues. The establishment has made some progress during the year, and its condition on the whole is encouraging.

The Board has had some further correspondence with the Rev. Dr. Schaff in relation to the transfer of the German Hymn Book. No definite result, however, has been reached, owing probably to his absence from this country during the greater part of the past summer. He seems unwilling, however, to recognize the obligations indicated in his report to the Synod at Harrisburg in 1859.

The Board has eventually succeeded in getting out a German Almanac, which, it is hoped, will meet with a welcome reception from the German portion of the Church.

Only four new works have been published during the past year, namely, "Epistle Lessons," "Little Alice," "Monica," and a Tract entitled "Sacrament of Baptism." The smallness of the number is owing to the fact, that only a small amount has been received on account of the Publishing Fund, and the Treasurer felt unwilling, as well as unable, to make further advances on account of this fund from his private resources. The receipts for this fund, as will be seen from the summary of receipts and disbursements, amounted to only $132,-50, whilst the expenditures on its account were $484,55. This particular department of our Publication operations is a very important one for the interests of the Church. It cannot, however, be enlarged and successfully prosecuted, as it ought to be, unless the Board is put in possession of funds specially appropriated to this object. The Board trusts that the Synod will be able to devise some means, by which a proper interest in the subject will be awakened in the Church, and funds cheerfully and promptly furnished, sufficient in amount to make this department truly what it ought to be and the interests of the Church demand. The present arrangement for procuring funds for this department, through the appointment of a "Book Editor," has not been successful.

In compliance with wishes expressed from different parts of the Church, the Board has resolved upon publishing the "Child's Treasury" from the first of January next semi-monthly, at as reasonable rates as possible There will be a slight comparative reduction upon former rates. It is to be hoped, that the friends of Sunday-schools throughout the Church, will properly sustain the Board in this forward step, taken in the interest of Sunday-schools.

The Board has not yet issued a new edition of the Book of Forms. The Superintendent of the publishing department has felt loth to go forward, being impressed with the fact, that several forms heretofore embraced in the book need a careful revision to make them correspond to the present position and wants of the Church.

The Board has been careful and vigilant, in relation to the interests of the Publication Establishment, in what are known as the "Border Claims," growing out of the destruction of their property in the burning of Chambersburg during the late civil war. On a former occasion, when an appropriation was made by the State Legislature for the

relief of the sufferers in the burning of Chambersburg, a decided effort was made by certain citizens of that place, to prevent the Board from being a beneficiary to any extent whatever, in that appropriation. They were so far successful, as to reduce the basis on which the Board participated in that appropriation, to but a little more than one half of its claim on account of personal effects.

We regret to state, that, contrary to our expectations, this opposition to our claim on account of personalty, which embraces the larger portion of it, was waged more violently even than before, by the same parties, headed by an Attorney, Lyman S. Clarke, Esq., holding communicant membership in the Reformed Church at Chambersburg, when presented under the Act of the last Legislature in relation to the Border claims. The opposition, however violent it was, we are gratified to be able to report, proved altogether fruitless. Special provision was made in the Act of the Legislature for re-opening our claim, and directing that it should be adjusted on principles of justice and equity. In all the subsequent stages of the process, through which the account passed, even to the filing of an injunction against its payment in the State Treasurer's office, which brought the case before the Attorney General of the State for his decision, we were successful and have had our original claim allowed in full.

At the late annual meeting of the Board, the Superintendent of the Establishment reported, that he expected to realize, in the course of a few days, on the claims of the Board between $6,000 and $7,000, in the shape of State bonds, payable in five years, and bearing interest payable semi-annually from the 1st of January last; and that the balance would be realized, as soon as the State shall secure an appropriation from the General Government in payment of the Border Claims.

The Board by resolution has expressed it as its judgment, that the principal realized from these Border Claims ought to be appropriated to a fund for the purchase of a building for the use of the Publication Board, and submits a suggestion to this effect to the consideration of Synod.

According to the order of succession in the Board, adopted at the last annual meeting of Synod, the term of service of Daniel W. Gross, Esq., expires on the 1st of January next. The Board propose as candidates, from whom to elect one to fill the occurring vacancy, Daniel W. Gross, Esq., of Harrisburg, Pa., and Isaac McHose, Esq., of Reading, Pa.

It yet remains for the Board simply to remind the Synod, that the time for which the present editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" was appointed, closes with the year, and that provision must, therefore, be made for filling the position beyond that date.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, President.

The following report was received from the committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund," read and referred to the Committee on Publication:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Again has the "Hausfreund" lived through another year. The favor of the Synod and of the Eastern Classes, as also the special interest of ministers and members, who acknowledge its mission, have increased the number of its readers, and secured for it a permanent existence. Many of the principal members in our portion of the Church do not wish to be without it. They have become attached to it, and wish that its visits might be more frequent. It is true, there are still many members among us, to whom it should find access; but partly, in consequence of the want of inclination on the part of church-members for further improvement and knowledge of their own church affairs, and partly, because of the neglect of ministers and members to speak a word in its favor, it has not yet found an open door amongst such.

At their last meeting the committee found, on examining the accounts of the "Hausfreund," that, after paying all its debts, and allowing a small compensation to the editor, there was a balance in its favor of $400. This balance, which is clear profit, they, after mature deliberation, appropriated to "Church Extension," for which the Treasurer of that Fund will receive a receipt. The books of the "Hausfreund" show, that the outstanding accounts in its favor exceed the claims against it somewhat over one thousand dollars.

The Reverend Synod will learn from the above, that its unpretending servant performs its service in the Church without creating debts, and besides, furnishes a handsome profit for the benefit of the empty Treasury of the Missionary Board.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM. A. HELFRICH,
CHARLES H. LEINBACH,
PETER S. FISHER,
Committee.

October 14th, 1871.

The following communication was received from the Synod of Pittsburgh, and referred to the Committee on Publication:

The following report was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to report on the Publication interests of Synod offer the following:

Our Synod, in virtue of its location between East and West, having no College or Seminary within its bounds, and no publishing house, or church organ of its own, through which to represent its history and mission before the Church and the world, feels itself in somewhat of an isolated condition. The Constitution assumes, that each Synod shall pay attention to the education of young men for the ministry, shall have some publication facilities, and some organ, or organs, through which it should be represented. Educational and publica-

tion facilities a Synod must have, either as its own property, or else the advantages which these interests afford for the prosperity of the Church embraced within its limits, must be accessible through the educational and publication establishments of another Synod, or Synods, of the Church. Without these advantages, no Synod can do the work contemplated in its organization. The question suggests itself, whether it were not best if the Reformed Church in the United States had but one College, one Seminary, one English paper and Publishing House, one German paper and Publishing House, one English and one German Sunday-school paper. If the Church were well represented by one central establishment comprehending these several interests under one controlling headship, animated by one spirit, whose genius would give shape and direction to all these members and functions necessary to do the work of the Church, it might be better for the peace and prosperity of our Zion than it is under existing circumstances. Then there would be no need for each Synod to spend so much time and talent in "serving tables." But we must deal with things as they lie before us, doing what seems to be best. The following is proposed as possibly best calculated to meet our wants at this time.

Resolved, 1. That this Synod hereby overtures the General Synod to consider the expediency of taking the necessary steps to concentrate the publishing interests of the Church in one establishment.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod hereby respectfully overt. Eastern Synod to take such action as will, in the meantime, give this Synod some representation in the "Reformed Church Messenger," by making provision, that this Synod be represented in the Editorial Committee of that paper, the persons to be designated by this Synod.

Resolved, 3. That the Eastern Synod be and is hereby requested to make also a similar arrangement with regard to the German papers.

Resolved, 4. That an Editorial Committee of three, two English, and one German, be elected at this meeting, who shall be hereby authorized to make the necessary arrangements with the Eastern Board of Publication, in case the above overture should be favorably responded to by the Eastern Synod.

The following persons were elected the Editorial Committee: Rev. Walter E. Krebs, Franklin K. Levan, English, and John B Kniest.

Elder J. David Miller was requested to lay this action before the Eastern Synod at its present sessions.

A true and correct extract from the Minutes of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

WALTER E. KREBS,
Stated Clerk.

A communication was received from the Rev. Peter Greding, Secretary of the "Deutsche Buch Verein," at Cleveland, Ohio, in which he presents the following resolutions adopted by the North-Western Synod:

Resolved, That, as a Synod, we propose to the Eastern Synod, that they transfer the "Kirchenzeitung" to us, in exchange for which we will transfer to them our Sunday-school paper.

Resolved, That the Directors of the Book Concern be authorized to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Publication.

The following communication was received from the "Book Editor," and referred to the Committee on Publication:

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I hereby respectfully ask the Synod to relieve me of whatever official relation I may be supposed to hold as "Book Editor," and "Associate Editor of the Reformed Church Messenger," at as early a period as you may find it possible. Not later than 1st Jan., 1872.

Respectfully yours in grace,
GEO. B. RUSSELL.

Pottstown, Pa., Oct. 24, 1871.

The Committee on Publication submitted their report, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Publication beg leave to submit the following report:

The papers placed in our hands are the report of the Board of Publication, the report of the Committee having under its supervision the publication of the "Hausfreund," and a letter from Rev. P. Greding, Secretary of the Directory of the Book Concern of the Synod of the North West.

From the report of the Board of Publication we learn, that the publication operations of the Church have been carried forward during the past year successfully. There is reported a nett increase of Assets over the Liabilities of between two and three thousand dollars. There has been an encouraging increase in the subscription lists of the "Messenger," "Guardian," "Child's Treasury," and "Lammerhirte," and a small increase in that of the "Review." This is truly cheering in the midst of the peculiar difficulties with which our Publications have had to contend. There has been a small falling off in subscriptions to the "Kirchenzeitung."

The correspondence with Dr. Schaff in reference to the transfer of the German Hymn Book has been continued, but has as yet reached no definite result.

We deem it proper to call the attention of our German Churches to the fact reported by the Board of Publication, that they have pub-

lished a German Church Almanac, and bespeak for it a wide circulation.

The Board have published but four new works during the past year, and report that they cannot extend their operations in this direction, unless the Church make provision in some way to furnish them with additional funds. The present arrangement for procuring funds for this department through the appointment of a "Book Editor," they report, has not been successful. As the Board have not indicated any plan by which the desired object can be reached, your Committee do not feel prepared to make any suggestion, but report the fact for the consideration of Synod.

Your Committee are gratified to learn, that, in the face of much opposition, the Business Agent of the Board has prosecuted our claims for a just share of the appropriation made by the State for the loss incurred in the burning of Chambersburg, to a successful issue, realizing for the establishment between $6,000 and $7,000 in addition to what has already been received. The Board proposes to use this amount with what else they may yet realize from losses at Chambersburg, for the purpose of purchasing a suitable building for their use. In regard to this item we recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized to appropriate the sum realized from these claims, if they deem it expedient, to the purchase of a suitable building for their publication operations.

The Board reports, that the term of service of Daniel W. Gross, Esq., expires on the first of January next, and submits the names of two gentlemen, namely, Daniel W. Gross, Esq., of Harrisburg, and Isaac McHose, Esq., of Reading, Pa., from which to elect a member of their Board.

From the report of the Board, we learn also, that the time for which the present editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" was appointed, closes with the year, and a request is made, that Synod make provision for filling the position. Your Committee recommend, that the Board of Publication be authorized and empowered to fill this vacancy, subject to the confirmation of the next annual Synod.

The second document placed in our hands is a report from the committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund," stating its success during the last year. There was realized from its publication the sum of $400 over and above expenses, which the committee, in conjunction with the editor, generously devoted to the support of the benevolent operations of the Church. We congratulate the Committee of Publication, and the editor of the "Hausfreund" on the good work, which is being accomplished for the Church by that paper, and commend it, as well as the "Kirchenzeitung," published by the Synod, heartily to the support of our German churches.

In regard to the letter from the Rev. P. Greding, proposing to make an exchange of the "Kirchenzeitung" for the German Sunday School paper of the Synod of the North-West, your Committee recommend, that the subject be referred to the Reformed Publication Board of this Synod, with full power to act in the case.

A document has also been placed in our hands from Rev. Geo. B. Russell, in which he respectfully asks Synod to relieve him of whatever official relation he may be supposed to hold as "Book Editor," and "Associate Editor of the Reformed Church Messenger," at as early a period as Synod may find it possible. Your Committee recommend that the request be granted, and that this take effect on the first of January, 1872, or earlier if he desire it.

Another document has been placed in our hands, namely, an overture from the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, asking this Synod to take such action as will give said Synod a representation in the "Reformed Church Messenger," through an editorial committee of their own appointing, consisting of Rev. Walter E. Krebs, Franklin K. Levan, and John B. Kniest. Your Committee recommend Synod to accede to this overture, and request the Board of Publication to enter into the proposed arrangement, and by conference with the Committee of the Pittsburgh Synod, to settle the details necessary to carry it out.

Respectfully submitted.
THOS. G. APPLE,
A. C. WHITMER,
JACOB REIF, *Committee.*

The committee appointed at the last annual sessions of Synod at Mechanicsburg to define its policy in reference to its publication operations, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Synod's Policy in regard to its Publication Interest, would respectfully report:

That they have given the subject their earnest consideration. In their judgment the time has come, when this Synod is called upon by the wants and necessities of the Church to carry out its already adopted policy and measures in regard to prosecu ing its Publication Interest on a more liberal and extensive plan.

In reviewing the previous actions of the Synod, your committee does not find it necessary to recommend anything new; but simply to urge upon the Synod and the Church the importance of carrying into practical effect its previous actions in regard to raising funds, and establishing a Publishing House.

The Synod stands committed to this measure, and your committee finds no reason why it should not be carried out in good faith, and without any further unnecessary delay.

Too little has been done in this direction, as compared to what has been done and contributed towards other interests of the Church.

This, your committee think, is owing in a great measure to a wrong view which is entertained by some of our ministers and people. That wrong view consists in looking upon the Publishing interest of the Church as a purely secular business, that should live, and

thrive, and expand itself from its own unaided resources, and also help along every other interest besides. This has had much to do in crippling and retarding the progress of the publishing interest of the Church; and it is to be hoped, that more intelligent and liberal views will come to prevail, and be brought to bear on the future of this important means of promoting the best interests of the Church.

If the Apostles and the Primitive Church found it necessary and important to use the Art of Writing, to publish and multiply her sacred and devotional books, and considered the work a sacred duty, without which the Church itself could not have been perpetuated in the world, the art of Printing, in the same holy service, is no less sacred and legitimate at the present day.

The Church does not carry on its publication interest to make money; just as little as it carries on its Educational, its Missionary, and Orphans' Home enterprises for such a purpose. And when this venerable Synod appeals to the churches in all earnestness for the means to carry forward its publication interest on a more liberal and extensive plan, it simply asks and pleads for the means to increase the efficiency of one of the most effective instrumentalities of doing good.

Limited and circumscribed as our publishing interest has heretofore been, yet we may ask, what other enterprise of the Church has been productive of greater and more abundant spiritual blessings than her Religious Press? But for it what would be the present condition of the Church? Our Colleges? Our Seminaries? Our Orphans' Homes? And our Missionary work?

The life and energy infused into all these are owing to a great extent to the power and influence of the Press, to say nothing of its effect on the growing intelligence and piety of the Church. It has moulded our thinking, harmonized our actions, defended the right, surmounted errors, made plain the truth, infused life, and scattered blessings without number all over the Church.

And it might have done all this to a much greater extent, if it had long since been carried forward on a more liberal and extended scale.

Much remains to be done, and much more can be done by carrying into effect the policy and measures already adopted and recommended by this Synod.

Your committee would recommend the following for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be requested to adopt efficient measures to carry into effect the previous actions of Synod, in reference to carrying forward our publishing interest on a more liberal and extended plan.

2. *Resolved*, That this subject be earnestly recommended to the liberality of the churches.

Respectfully submitted.

SAM'L. MILLER,
D. W. GROSS,
GEO. C. WELKER, *Committee.*

The Synod proceeded to elect a member of the Board of Publication to fill the vacancy occurring on the first of January next. The Rev. David E. Klopp, and Elder Jacob Reif, were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result. The election resulted in favor of Daniel W. Gross, Esq., of Harrisburg, Penna.

The committee appointed at a previous annual meeting, to procure a house for the use of the Publication Board, reported progress and was continued.

The committee appointed to secure the manuscripts and books of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The committee appointed to examine the manuscripts of Dr. Harbaugh respectfully submit the following report:

Since the last meeting of Synod, they have again examined the manuscripts referred to. They consist of his Lectures on Theology, Lectures on the Catechism, Sermons, and the material he had collected for a third volume of the Lives of the Fathers. His Lectures on the Catechism are not complete, going only as far as the sixty-ninth question. With the use of a number of sermons on the Third part of the Catechism, if some one could be found willing to undertake the work, and assume the responsibility, these Lectures might be completed and published with great advantage to the Church.

Your committee also think, that if an editor can be found, there might be prepared, with no great labor, a volume of the Lives of the Fathers. The other manuscripts consisting of sermons, &c., are not in a condition for publication, and many of them have already appeared in a public way in the columns of the "Guardian."

We recommend:

1. That Synod request some suitable person to edit the publication of a volume of the Fathers of the Reformed Church, from the manuscripts of Dr. Harbaugh, the Synod incurring no moral or pecuniary responsibility.

2. That the other manuscripts, consisting of Dr. Harbaugh's Lectures on Theology, Dogmatic and Practical, and on the Heidelberg Catechism, be requested of Mrs. Harbaugh to be carefully kept and preserved in the Theological library.

3. That the Faculty of the Seminary be requested to endeavor to procure by purchase, out of the Library Fund, such rare and valuable works in Dr. Harbaugh's library, as may be suitable for the library of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. G. APPLE,
Chairman.

The following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Faculty of the Theological Seminary be requested to fill out and complete Dr. Harbaugh's Lectures on the Heidelberg Catechism, and to edit and publish them as soon as practicable, provided, however, that the Synod assume no moral or pecuniary responsibility in such publication.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to prepare a selection of hymns to be published in connection with the "Order of Worship," as authorized by the General Synod.

The Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Dr. Theodore Appel, John Beck, George L. Staley, Dr. Edwin H. Nevin, and Lewis H. Steiner, M.D., were appointed the committee called for in the foregoing resolution.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have seventeen hundred copies of the Minutes of the present sessions of Synod, duly authenticated. published in the English language, and five hundred copies in the German language.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The committee to provide a translation of the "Order of Worship" into the German language, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued:

The committee appointed to procure a translation of the "Order of Worship" into the German language, would respectfully report:

That they have procured a very good translation of the whole work, which is being examined and revised, and is expected to be ready for the press by New Year.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL MILLER, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed to attend to the interests of this Synod in certain appeal cases, carried up to the General Synod, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gans, Samuel N. Callender, and Dr. Thomas G. Apple, was continued.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Certain ministers of the Gospel, standing in regular connection with this Synod, have become apostates from the true faith, by formally connecting themselves with the Romish Church, and

WHEREAS, This step was taken by said ministers without formally withdrawing from this Synod, or asking that their relations to it might be dissolved; therefore,

Resolved, That, in view of the great public scandal and reproach these acts have brought upon the Church; in view of the insult and contempt cast upon its dignity and authority, the respective Classes with which said ministers, J S. Ermentrout and G. D. Wolff, stand in regular connection, be and are hereby directed to proceed in the way of discipline against them according to the requirements of the Constitution.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and present to this Synod a paper touching the matter of these premises.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Dr. Thomas S. Johnston, and Elder Adam B. Wingerd, were appointed the committee called for in the last resolution. This committee subsequently submitted their report, which was received and unanimously adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to report a minute on the recent defection of two ministers within the bounds of this Synod, in going to the Roman Catholic Church, beg leave respectfully to report:

In the first place, this Synod deeply deplores the fall of these brethren from the Protestant faith. Believing as we do, that the Reformation of the 16th century was the work of God in reforming His Church from the great errors and abuses that had entered it during preceding centuries, rendering necessary the great *protest* against these errors and abuses, which was made the occasion by the Roman Church of separating itself from all communion and fellowship with the Reformed Church, and looking upon these errors and abuses as condemned by the inspired Word of God, and pernicious to true faith and piety, we cannot but regard the defection of these ministerial brethren with profound sorrow. Under ordinary circumstances, we might let this expression of sorrow suffice; but in view of the great dangers to which our common Protestantism is exposed on the right hand and on the left, it is felt, that something more is required, in order to set the matter in a proper light before the Church.

We recognize, on the one hand, the danger to which Protestantism is exposed in the direction of rationalism and infidelity. It is not necessary to refer in detail to defections, not only of individuals, but of whole sections of the Protestant Church in this direction, both in this country and in Europe. The elements leading in this direction revealed themselves already in the very age of the Reformation, and their fruits have appeared ever since. Seeing the inroads which were beginning to be made in the Reformed Church in this country by this foreign spirit, revealing itself in a spurious subjective spiritualism, which leads in the end to a denial of the objective mysteries of the supernatural world in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Reformed Church has labored earnestly to correct these evils in her own bosom, and, at the same time, to fortify herself against the dangers which threatened her from without. In this effort our

Church has sought, not only to revive the true faith of the Reformation, but to advance it in such way as to meet and overcome the new and specious dangers, to which we are exposed from an unchurchly and rationalistic Christianity. It has sought to make way, not only for the faith of the Reformation, but for the faith of the apostles and early Church as it lived in the Reformation, to come to new utterance in the historical epoch in which we live.

Hence, forward, not backward, is our motto. From the very beginning of the revival of theological interest in our Church many years ago, the teachings of the Church have uttered themselves, in unmistakable language, against every tendency to find a remedy for the evils of Protestantism in any return merely to the past, or in any mere mechanical repristination of the position of the early Church, or of the Reformation. Nor has the Church failed to utter its solemn protest against the fallacious claims and erroneous teachings of the Roman Church. We believe, that no stronger utterances, not indeed in the way of violent declamation and excited harangue, but in the way of calm and solid argument, have been made against the position of the Roman Church by any Protestant body, than those delivered by our own communion. It was felt, all along, that in such revival of a Churchly spirit, we would be exposed in this direction, and hence these arguments and warnings were given.

And we do now utter our solemn conviction, that the theology of the Reformed Church, as taught in our denomination, is soundly Protestant, and utterly at variance with the position of the Roman Catholic Church. There may be occasional instances, in which individuals may lose faith in the ability of Protestantism to overcome the evils that threaten, and, taking a one-sided view of great truths, carry them to such an extreme as to lead to their fall into the errors of Romanism; but this Synod disclaims all responsibility for this. We believe it would be unfair and unrighteous for any one to attempt to involve our Church in such responsibility, and when such attempt is made and persisted in, we regard it as a slander against our Christian honesty and integrity.

While, now, we regret and lament the defections referred to, we can find in them no occasion for any less emphatic and earnest utterances on the Church question than we have hitherto made. We can enter into no affiliation with the radical and unchurchly tendencies of the age, because some, in fleeing from them, may go to the Church of Rome.

In the new epoch, towards which, it is felt by the leading minds of the Christian world, we are approaching, we look for a new trial of our faith. The way by which we are led is not always clear and plain, and often reason is made to stagger in confusion before the mighty problems which challenge our faith, but we do not forget, that we walk by faith and not by sight. And if some are disposed to draw back from the fiery trial, and seek refuge in an outward infallibility, which has no support in the Word of God, nor in the true teachings of the Church of Christ, we shrink not from following the footsteps

of the Master, the Great Shepherd and Bishop of His Church, as He ever goes before us and guides us by His Word and Spirit.

Holding firmly to our venerable standard, the Heidelberg Catechism, as presenting the true doctrine set forth in the Word of God, and having full confidence, that the teaching of our Church is in accordance with this standard, we reject all tendencies, on the one hand, to a spurious, subjective pietism, and on the other hand, to a false legalism, as exhibited in the Roman Catholic Church, and earnestly exhort our ministers and people to abide unshaken in the Church of their fathers, and thus hold firmly the faith once delivered to the saints.

THOS. G. APPLE,
THOS. S. JOHNSTON,
Committee.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized to publish the above report in tract form, both in the German and English language, and scatter it throughout the length and breadth of the Church.

Several documents presented by the corresponding delegate of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, relating to certain difficulties connected with a congregation in New Jersey, were reported by the Committee on Overtures. They were referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., David E. Klopp, and Elder John P. Reifsnyder. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the documents presented to Synod by Rev. W. G. Laitzle, Corresponding delegate of the Evan. Luth. Ministerium of Pennsylvania, respectfully report,

That six papers were placed in the hands of your committee, having reference to a church property in possession of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, New Germany, N. J., to which Rev. M. Frankel, in behalf of the Reformed Church at the same place, and in connection with Philadelphia Classis, lays claim.

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church do not wish to go into litigation in the Court of Chancery, and resolved to submit the decision of the legal right to the Synods of both denominations.

The pastor of the St. Jacob's Lutheran congregation, Rev. J. Leonberger, complains of the action of Rev. M. Frankel, in sending the Sheriff and taking from them the bell in the steeple of the church, to which the present members of the Reformed Church had contributed, when they were members of the Lutheran Church in full and regular connection. Further, that the Rev. M. Frankel acts neither in the spirit of his Church, nor with Christian charity, or the dignity of a minister of a Gospel, when he threatens to lay the claims before the Court of Chancery, for which purpose he had secured two hundred dollars, and to have the church closed for public worship.

Inasmuch as there are no papers in the hands of your committee from Rev. M. Frankel or the Reformed Church at New Germany, N. J., we recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the documents presented to Synod by the Corresponding delegate of the Evan. Lutheran Ministerium, and the whole difficulty between the Reformed and Lutheran congregations at New Germany, N. J., in regard to the legal right of the property, be referred to the Classis of Philadelphia for a speedy and harmonious adjustment of the case.

Respectfully submitted.
JACOB DAHLMAN, Jr.
D. E. KLOPP,
J. P. REIFSNEIDER,
Committee.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of erecting monuments to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh and Dr. Frederick A. Rauch, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee of Synod appointed at Hagerstown, 1868, to erect a Monument to the memory of the late Dr. Harbaugh, and charged at Danville, 1869, with the duty of aiding the Alumni of Franklin and Marshall College, in erecting a monument to the memory of Dr. Rauch, offer the following report.

I. HARBAUGH MONUMENT.

During the past year a substantial iron railing has been put around the Monument, which was unveiled in October, 1870. The whole work is now completed at a cost of $575.84, the whole of which has been paid; but there is a balance due the committee of $22.16. The whole amount subscribed is $632.68. The amount paid is $543.78; leaving a balance due on subscription of $89.00.

II. RAUCH MONUMENT.

The subscription to the Rauch Fund, amounts to $262 00, of which there has been paid $212 00, leaving a balance due on subscription of $50 00.

The committee in conjunction with the Alumni, have erected a beautiful and substantial Monument to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Rauch, the first Professor of Biblical Literature and Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, and the first President of Marshall College, on the campus of Franklin and Marshall College, at a total cost of $775.00. The work was done by D. Kern, of York, Pa. The Monument was

unveiled with appropriate ceremonies during Commencement week of the present year.

The Artist has been paid; but to do this the joint committee had to discount a note at Bank for $250.00, payable in sixty days.

Thus far the Treasurer of the Alumni has paid $350.00; and your committee has paid $135.00.

At present your committee has in hand a balance of $77.00.

Measures ought to be taken at once by the Synod and the Alumni, to make up the snm of about $170 00.

Respectfully submitted.

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

In compliance with the suggestion made at the close of the foregoing report, contributions and subscriptions were received, to an amount sufficient, when paid, to cover the whole indebtedness of the committee.

The committee appointed to attend to the interests of Synod in certain Church property in the city of Washington, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States.

GENTLEMEN:

Your committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, have had a search made as to the title to a lot in Washington, D. C., alleged to belong to the Reformed Church, and have found the following facts:

First.—The party now holding possession of the said lot, are holding it without title. They have repeatedly refused sale, for this reason.

Second.—That the lot was given to the Calvinist Society, by the Commissioners who laid out the city of Washington, in exchange for a lot in the town of Hamburg, owned in the name of the said society.

The original deed or will granting this lot has as yet not been found, though that may not be so very material. Search is being made for it, and it is hoped that in due time it will be discovered.

Your committee hesitated about employing a lawyer to prosecute the claim, which they believe to be a just one, before the courts, for the reason, that they had no funds with which to fee a lawyer. They have no doubt, but that were a good lawyer retained in this case, the property might yet be obtained by its rightful owners.

As far as we have been able to learn, the property was donated by Jacob Funk of Washington Co., Md. He and his relatives were members of the Reformed Church. The lot was donated to the *Calvinist Society*, which was at that time the name by which our Church was known to the English. We trust that Synod may devise

means for the prompt prosecution of this matter, and place our interests in that city in a more prosperous condition, than they have heretofore been.

GEO. S. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

Daniel S. Keller of Washington, D. C., was added to the committee, and the committee thus enlarged, continued with instructions to carry out the object of their appointment. It was also

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Synod be authorized and instructed to furnish the committee the funds needed to prosecute the case.

The committee appointed by the Synod at its last annual sessions, to report in reference to the creating a fund, the proceeds of which shall be devoted to the relief of disabled and super nnuated ministers, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued:

The committee to whom was referred by the Synod of Mechanicsburg the subject of devising some plan to provide for the relief of disabled or superannuated Ministers of the Reformed Church in the Synod of the United States, respectfully report:

That they have given the subject their attention, and different plans have suggested themselves, but none of them have as yet proved entirely satisfactory, and such as they could fully recommend, in the hope of reaching with success the end proposed. Besides, they desire to avoid multiplying Societies, and would rather that the movement might be combined in some way with the Society already in existence in the Synod for the relief of disabled Ministers and the widows of Ministers, but which as yet has failed to accomplish, what it designs to accomplish.

We ask, therefore, that the committee be continued, and the Society for the relief of disabled Ministers and widows of Ministers, be requested to confer with said committee during the coming year, with a view of so modifying and enlarging the present Society, as to comprehend within it the larger portion, if not all of our Ministers.

J. O. MILLER.
W. A. WILT.

The following statement was received from the President of the Society of "Guardians for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows," and ordered to be incorporated in the minutes:

Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed Church in the United States, submits to Synod the following statement respecting its nature and design, its financial condition, and mode of operation.

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The following communication was received from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and referred to the Committee on Nominations:

LANCASTER, *Oct. 20th*, 1871.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The terms of office of the following gentlemen, members of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, expire at this time: John Heilman, C. B. Grubb, and Hon. H. G. Long.

EDW'D. J. ZAHM,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

In connection with the election of delegates to Corresponding Bodies and Boards of Trustees, and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, an election was held to fill the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, when the following persons were elected for a term of ten years: John Heilman, John B Livingston, and George W. Hensel.

On the morning of the sixth day of the sessions the Committee on Nominations presented their report. It was received, amended, and adopted. The election was ordered to take place on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions, at 10 o'clock, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have a sufficient number of copies of the nominations printed for the use of Synod. The election was held at the time appointed. The Rev. Martin A. Smith, John Ault, and Elder William H. Bargelt were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them and reported the result.

A communication was received, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, from the Rev. Daniel B. Albright, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, presenting the wants of that institution, and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. John Beck, David E. Klopp, and Elder George S. Wagner. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa., would report as follows:

The Superintendent states, that the income of the Home has decreased lately, while the current expenses are and will continue to be as large as they have been heretofore,—amounting to about $10,000 annually.

Your committee being of the opinion, that this institution still needs and eminently deserves the care of the Church, upon whose nurturing bosom it has thus far been carried, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa., be and hereby is renewedly commended to the sympathy and liberality of our pastors, Sunday schools, and people, and that they be earnestly requested to continue, and, if possible, increase the support which they have heretofore so generously and freely given to this institution.

Respectfully submitted.
JOHN BECK, *Chairman.*
D. E. KLOPP,
GEO. S. WAGNER.

On the afternoon of the third day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Johnston, Edmund R. Eshbach, and Elder William A. Wilt, were appointed a committee, to whom all applications for leave of absence are to be made, which committee shall have power to act finally on these applications. This committee reported from time to time the names of the persons to whom leave of absence had been granted.

The Synod held a session on the evening of the second day of the sessions, for the purpose of hearing addresses from the President and a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, in relation to the endowment of that institution. At the time appointed the Synod was addressed at length by the Hon. John Cessna, and Hon. John W. Killinger, on the subject named. After some additional discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the general subject, upon which the Synod has been addressed, be referred to a committee of five, embracing three ministers and two elders, with instructions to report at as early a date as possible.

The Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler, Dr. Benjamin Bausman, John S. Foulk, and Elders George C. Welker and Joshua Motter, were appointed the committee called for in the foregoing resolution. It was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the third day of the sessions to receive their report. This committee reported at the time appointed Their report was received, and after a protracted discussion and various amendments, it was adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the permanent endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, as brought to the attention of Synod at its session of Thursday evening, the 19th inst., by the President and members of a committee of the Board of Trustees of said College, would respectfully report:

1. That being fully convinced, that the welfare and prosperity of the Reformed Church depend, in a very great measure, on the success of our Theological Seminary and of the College, with which it now stands so intimately connected, and on which it must chiefly depend for a supply of students; we do most *heartily* approve of the ef-

forts now being made by the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, to secure an endowment adequate to the successful operation of the College, and such as the growing wants of the Church imperatively require, and which the increasing prosperity and multiplying numbers and wealth of our membership would seem to render of easy attainment.

Item 2. In order to give the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College further assurance of the purpose of this Synod, to do all in its power to secure the full endowment of said college.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, who shall represent the views of this Synod on the subject, as elicited by the present discussion, to the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and co-operate with them in the work of enlarging the endowment of said College.

Item 3. Believing that the object of the Board cannot be successfully secured without the sympathy, support, and hearty co-operation of the Church, we do affectionately commend it to the earnest consideration of all our pastors and people, and urge upon all the members and friends of the Church cordially to receive any agent or agents, that may be sent among them for the purpose of securing such endowment of the College, and bespeak for the same a warm reception and hearty co-operation; and in order to secure this end, all the ministers connected with this Synod are hereby requested to call the attention of their people to this subject, and enforce upon them its importance and necessity.

D. Y. HEISLER, *Chairman.*
GEO C. WELKER,
JOHN S. FOULK,
JOSHUA MOTTER.

The first item in the foregoing report was adopted by the following vote of *yeas* and *nays:*

YEAS —Abraham Bartholomew, John Beck, Aaron G. Reninger, Joseph Laubach, Charles F. McCauley, Thomas C. Leinbach, James T Reber, William Miller, T. Frank Hoffmeier, William K. Zieber, John Ault, John S. Foulk, Jacob O. Miller, William A. Wilt, Jacob Ditzler, Jacob Reif, J. Spangler Kieffer, Edmund R. Eshbach, Simon S. Miller, Marcus Bachman, John M. Titzel, Joshua Motter, Goldsboro S. Griffith, George S. Wagner, Samuel R. Fisher, Samuel N. Callender, Stephen K. Kremer, William H. Bargelt, W. Jephtha Hensell, Calvin U. Heilman, Daniel Y. Heisler, Thomas G. Apple, Adam C. Whitmer, Adam B. Wingerd, John P. Reed, William Dice, Lawrence D Leberman, Anthony F. Ziegler, Lucian J. Mayer, Lewis Marsteller, Daniel B. Mauger, Thomas Christman, John F. Busche, John G. Neuber, William M. Deatrick, Theodore Appel, Joseph Hannabery, Samuel Kuhn, George W. Hensel, Edward J. Zahm, William A. Haas, Rudolph Duenger, Aaron R Hottenstein, David W. Kelly, David Eshbach, William Pursell, George C. Welker, John K. Millet,

Daniel M. Wolff, L. Kryder Evans, John M. Troxell, and Thomas S. Johnston. Yeas 62.

NAYS.—George Wolff, John W. Smith, Edwin H. Nevin, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., John H. A. Bomberger, William Posey, James Koons, Henry Snyder, John Wiest, and Levi J. Groh. Nays 10.

The third item in the report was adopted by the following vote of *yeas* and *nays*:

YEAS.—Abraham Bartholomew, John Beck, Aaron G. Reninger, Joseph Laubach, Daniel B. Albright, Thomas C. Leinbach, Thomas S. Johnston, James Bell, William Miller, John Ault, John S. Foulk, Jacob O. Miller, William A. Wilt, Jacob Ditzler, Jacob Reif, J. Spangler Kieffer, Edmund R. Eshbach, Simon S. Miller, Marcus Bachman, Joshua Motter, Goldsboro S. Griffith, George S. Wagner, Samuel R. Fisher, Samuel N. Callender, Stephen K. Kremer, William K. Bargelt, W. Jephtha Hensell, Calvin U. Heilman, Daniel Y. Heisler, Thomas G. Apple, Adam C. Whitmer, William M. Deatrick, John P. Reed, William Dice, John Brewster, Lawrence D. Leberman, Anthony F. Ziegler, Lucian J. Mayer, George W. Aughinbaugh, Lewis Marsteller, Theodore Appel, Joseph Hannabery, Samuel Kuhn, George W. Hensel, Martin Schaffner, William A. Haas, Rudolph Duenger, Aaron R. Hottenstein, David W. Kelly, David Eshbach, William Pursell, George C. Welker, John K. Millet, Daniel M. Wolff, L. Kryder Evans, John M. Troxell, and William K. Zieber.—Yeas 57.

NAYS.—George Wolff, Levi J. Groh, John W. Smith, Edwin H. Nevin, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., William Posey, Henry Snyder, John Wiest, and John P. Reifsnyder.—Nays 9.

Rev. Jacob O. Miller, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, William K. Zieber, Dr. Benjamin Bausman, and Elders William Wilt, and John P. Reed were appointed the committee to confer with the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College in regard to the endowment of the institution provided for in the second item in the foregoing report.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, Hospitals for the treatment and cure of various diseases have been established under the fostering auspices of different Christian denominations in this and other States;

And *whereas*, Very recently a similar enterprize has been commenced under most favorable prospects of complete and speedy success by our Presbyterian brethren, site and endowment fund of over $100,000 having been already secured;

And *whereas*, The grand idea of establishing a *Reformed Church Hospital*, where soul and body shall be alike administered unto, and into whose wards the needy of *all climes*, without regard to creed or color, shall be admitted, has been suggested through the columns of the "Reformed Church Messenger," therefore be it

Resolved, That the project meets with the hearty approval of this Synod, and that it be affectionately commended to the sympathy, prayers, and cordial consideration of the members of the Church in general.

At the opening of the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, the Stated Clerk of Synod was presented by his brethren in the Church, through the Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, with a valuable gold watch and chain, as a token of their regard and appreciation of his services, rendered the Church, through a period of thirty-one years, as Stated Clerk of Synod, as Editor of the "Reformed Church Messenger," and in other relations sustained to the Church, which he gladly accepted, conveying, in a brief address, his cordial thanks for the unexpected, but most acceptable and valuable gift.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members of the Reformed Church and other citizens of Pottstown and vicinity, for the very liberal and kind hospitality extended to its members during its present sessions, and that the *pastores loci* be requested to read this resolution from their respective pulpits; and that it also be published in the paper of the place.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Philadelphia and Reading, Northern Central, and Cumberland Valley Railroads, for permitting its members to pass over their respective roads at reduced fares.

The Roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read, and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet again in annual sessions in the Reformed Church in Martinsburg, Berkley County, West Virginia, on Wednesday, the 16th of October, A. D., 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

[illegible] of the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's
[illegible] Patri, and the apostolic benediction

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

[illegible] *Clerk.*

[illegible] original minutes.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificats.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contrib's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Weiser,		Retired,													
Peter S. Fisher,	3	Sellersville,	310		8	18		300			6	3		$58 05	Sellersville, Bucks Co., Pa.
C. Zwingli Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	900	600	86	58	5	800		10	36	2	475	893 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Samuel Hess,		Retired,													Hellertown, North'pton do
Lewis C. Herman,		do													Gilbertsville, Montg'y do
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown,	351	107	26	32	57	326	1	19	13	2	50	153 00	Hilltown, Bucks do
Vacant,	1	Trinity Church,	467	325	53	18	4	412		3	17	2	250	149 13	Pottstown, Montgomery do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham,	825	620	69	42	2	674		4	29	4	300	182 50	Bucksville, Bucks do
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg,	440	210	98	49		407			37	4	175	74 75	Oley, Berks do
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	570	340	51	22	2	450		2	29	4		217 50	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	2	Upper Saucon,	480	225	54	28		430			23	2		160 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Vacant,	6	Upper Milford,*	470					430							
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Riegelsville,	176	98	13	4	8	164		2	10	2		107 40	Riegelsville, Bucks do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Falconer Swamp,	596	493	50	26	4	588			17	2	260	250 35	Boyertown, Berks do
Levi C. Sheip,	1	Doylestown,	58	55	5		13	50				1	70	5 00	Doylestown, Bucks do
Simon K. Gross,	2	Ridgevalley,	290		39	26	4	248			26	2			Sellersville, do do
Amandus F. Ziegler,	4	St. Paul's,	450	250	52	35	1	403		1	20	4	130	167 58	Leithsville, Northampton do
Henry Hess, Supply,	2	Springfield,	462	130	15	24		315			12	1	130	144 00	Pleasant Hill, Bucks do
L. D. Leberman,	4	Pottstown,	900		62			798		3	18	5		289 06	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Tilghman O. Stem,	3	Lower Saucon,	387	243	40	22		325			16	3		171 27	Hellertown, Northampton do
	2	Towamencin,†	267	85	17		2	200			11	2	70	47 68	Worcester P. O., Montg. do
Jacob Kehm,	2	Indianfield,‡	1100		57	65		910		56	33			128 99	Sellersville, Bucks do
N. Z. Snyder,	1	S'th Bethlehem, Mis.,													South Bethlehem, do
G. W. Aughinbaugh, Supp.	1	South Easton,	65		6			55			5			25 00	Riegelsville, do do
D. F. Brendle, do	2	N. W. Tsp. & Salsb'rg,	156	110	25	13		120		2	6	2		28 17	Bethlehem, do
Vacant,	1	New Hilltown,													
Total, 20.	58		9720	3891	826	482	102	8405	1	102	364	47	1910	$3252 43	

* No report.
† Supplied by S. M. K. Huber, of the Philadelphia Classis.
‡ Statistics of Charlestown congregation included in statistics of Indianfield charge.

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Benev-Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Gring,					20	21		267			8			$14 46	Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg,	1450		20	125		1300			60	12	1200	32 00	Reading, Berks do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	5	Schwartzwald, &c.,	750		144	14		690		1	40	5		112 44	Reading, do
P. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	900	700	74	31	20	560		15	40	1	420	676 03	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	2	Schuylkill Haven,	730	350	83	57	3	608		3	45	4	300	189 00	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	4	Annville,	415	247	24	10	4	340	1	5	13	4	197	302 29	Annville, Lebanon do
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Second Ch., Reading,	340		31	21	16	275		4	8	1	265	599 95	Reading, do
Samuel Miller,	2	First Ch., Pottsville,	260	180	32		5	230			6	2	160	30 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
T. Calvin Leinbach,	5	Bernville,	1400	850	100	44		1121		8	43	15	1000	225 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff,	3	Myerstown,	475	300	59	48	22	400	2	12	14	1	240	841 97	Myerstown, Lebanon do
Benj. Bausman, D. D.,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1350		197	73	44	1100		18	49	1	600	2061 71	Reading, do
Thos. E. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,	150	90	10	8	12	120			4	1	140	350 00	Lebanon, do
Charles H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken,	1175	700	88	55	10	1060		12	32	6	300	318 48	Stouchsburg, Berks do
John P. Stein,	1	Trinity Ch., Pottsville,	59	49	4	1		54				1	100		Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Eli E. Heister,	3	Hanover,	212	175	30	8		170		3	9	3	100	54 44	Grantville, Dauphin do
Daniel E. Albright,	1	Orphans' Home,	38	76		4		40		9		1	104	200 00	Womelsdorf, do
William M. Reily,	1	Jonestown,	150	100	23	8		105		2	12	1	85	141 05	Jonestown, Lebanon do
Isaac E. Graeff,	2	Frin'y Ch., Tamaqua,	167	162	15	5	18	140			6	2	137	229 05	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Jno. O. Johnson,	3	St. John's, Sch. Haven,	390	185	56	51		286		4	15	3	375	123 00	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lk'l. do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	1	Em'l. Ch., Minersville,	128	164	81		4	120			11	1	76		Hamburg, do
John M. Clemens,	2	St. Clair charge,	142	80	17	19	15	103	2	8	4	2	90	51 40	St. Clair, Schuylkill do
Henry A. Keyser,	1	St. Paul's, Mahonoy,	271	260	33	28	18	260		2	18	1	190	116 50	Mahonoy, Schuylkill do
C. H. Mutchler,	3	Fredericksburg,	375		21	26		230			7	3		27 62	Jonestown, do
R. S. Appel,	6	Pine Grove,	800		150	80		600							Hamburg, do
	1	Shoemakersville,	80	56	8			71			5	1	30	20 25	Supplied by Rev. P. P. A. Hoffman, Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
P. W. Dechant,															
Jas. A. Schultz,	3	Shaefferstown,	450	211				230				1	190		Shaefferstown, Lebanon do
	1	Belleview,	30		4			28						6 13	Supplied by Rev. C. H. Mutchler.
Total, 29.	68														
Seven Reformed Mission S. Schools,													905	129 23	
			12687	4935	1324	737	191	10608	5	106	449	74	7264	$6,852 00	

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel C. Tobias,	5	Bethany,	225	125	35	21	1	195		2	3	2	100	$18 39	Litiz, Lancaster Co., Pa.
William T. Gerhard,	1	St. John's, Lancaster,	333	194	60	19	87	257		15	10	1	130	52 00	Lancaster, do do
John G. Fritchey, Supply,	3	Elizabethtown,	140		30	15		140			24	2	100	40 00	Lancaster, do do
John W. Nevin, D.D.,	1	College church,	46	8			9	49		2	2			99 31	Lancaster, do do
John G. Wolff,		Without charge,													Lancaster, do do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	365	300	24	58	16	300		7	25	1	260	315 00	Lancaster, do do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.													Lancaster, do do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	326	258	25	12		165			9	1	60	100 00	Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Oliver L. Ashenfelter,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	213		4	10	3	150			5	1	170	70 00	Lancaster, Lancaster do
John V. Eckert,		Without charge,													Lancaster, do do
Joseph Hannabery,	2	New Providence,	154	130	10	5		118		2	4	3	225	90 00	N. Providence, do do
Frederick A. Gast,		Prof. in College,													Lancaster, do do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	260	175	13	14	7	225		3	8	1	344	4506 04	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Nathan E. Bressler,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	71		16	10	6	61			13	1	85		Harrisburg, do do
Darius W. Gerhard,	3	New Holland,	287	170	22	14	3	240		1	9	3	165	138 74	N. Holland, Lancaster do
Frederick Pilgram,	1	Columbia,	80	56	19	5	9	60		10	6	1	85	77 25	Columbia, do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Millersville,	246		20	23	7	207		2	4	3	200	79 00	Millersville, do do
Vacant,	3	Manheim,	102	47	4		3	90				1	100	15 00	Manheim, do do
Stephen Schweitzer,	5	Reamstown,	620	315	52	48		425		2	31	4	325	25 00	Union Station, do do
Anthony F. Züllig,	1	Zwingli, Harrisburg,	100		30			60			5	1	35		Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Henry Miller,		Without charge,													Adamstown, Lancaster do
Total, 20.	36		3568	1778	364	254	151	2742		46	158	26	2384	$5625 73	

Theological Students.—Ellis N. Kremer; Louis Zahner; Robert Zahner, and Jacob Hisey.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Isaac Shellhammer,	4	Union,	200		61	21		121			5	4			Black Creek, Luzerne Co., Pa.
Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland,	257	220	67	24		243			15	1	110	$22 36	Ashland, Schuylkill do
John W. Steinmetz,	3	Danville,	320	225	36	68	22	300		17	10	3	300	190 00	Danville, Montour do
Samuel H. Reid,	1	Milton,	190	255	10	3	23	190		4	2	1	175		Milton, Northumberland do
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	6	North Susquehanna,	250	160	46	21		230		2	8	5	150	83 52	Berwick, Columbia do
Henry Mosser,	3	Paradise,	435	195	27	16	10	400		7	7	3	225	402 00	McEwensville, North'berl'nd do
William A. Haas,	4	Augusta,	395	250	21	21		350		2	3	4	200	75 00	Sunbury, do do
Franklin J. Mohr,	2	Bloomsburg,	233	250	33	7	15	221		14	15	2	200	61 16	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
David W. Kelly,*	3	Shamokin,	250	300	31	26	35	230			6	3	290		Shamokin, Northumberland do
John W. Lescher,	5	Berrysburg,	377		52	48	12	333		9	10	5	195	150 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
John Wolbach,*	6	Mahanoy,	400	300	52	36		423			20	8	275	115 00	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
Alfred Houtz,	3	Orangeville,	195		3	14	16	175		2	4	3	175	80 00	Orangeville, Columbia do
Jos. H. Schlappig,*	6	Armstrong Valley,	210		38	9	2	165		2	13	5	175	23 88	Enders, Dauphin do
Calvin S. Gerhard,	1	Sunbury,	140	120	12	8	2	115		1	8	1	130	45 65	Sunbury, Northumberland do
Tilghman Derr,*	3	Mt. Zion's,	425		20		16	305		5	2	3	220		Turbotville, do do
Wm. M. Landis,*	3	Lykens,	92	100	18			50			7				Lykenstown, Dauphin do
Henry S. Bassler,*	6	Deep Creek,	400	275				350							Heginsville, Schuylkill do
	7	Uniontown,	670	550	90	21		557			40	6	400	113 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
	6	Conyngham,	490	300	38	17		425							
	3	Catawissa,†	66	75			6	66						29 67	
	3	Cherry,	152		21	12		94		2	3			36 50	
	4	Hazleton,	835	330	50	14		769				2	200		
Total, 19.	83		6982	3905	726	386	159	6112		67	178	59	3420	$1427 74	

* Lately taken charge.
† Report in part.
Without charge.— Rev. Jared Fritzinger, Rev. John J. Waldburger.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John C. Hensell,	5	Mt. Crawford,	317	230	11		5	230			3	4	200	$90 31	Mt. Crawford, Rockg'm Co., Va.
Geo. H. Martin,	4	Woodstock,	350		13	5	5	324			6	1	75	90 00	Woodstock, Shenandoah do
H. St. J. Rinker,		Without charge,													Hamburg, do do
Henry Wissler,	1	Lovettsville,	97	90	7			94			6	2	50	22 36	Lovettsville, Loudon do
M. L. Shuford,	2	Winchester,	98	53	2	4	1	90		2	4	1	75	10 00	Winchester, do
John Lantz,	3	Augusta,	147	84	9	7		147				2	90	13 00	Summerdean, Augusta do
Joel T. Rossiter,	1	Shepherdstown,	112		20	8		77		9	4	1	50	48 00	Shepherdstown, do
S. K. Kremer,	1	Martinsburg,	176		7	14	5	172		2	4	1		120 50	Martinsburg, W. do
Vacant,	4	Mill Creek,	225		8			200			1			13 20	
do	4	Edenburg,	200											9 20	
Samuel N. Callender,															Harrisonburg, do
Joseph S. Loose,															do do
Total, 10.	25		1722	457	77	38	16	1334		13	28	12	540	$416 57	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.
East Pennsylvania,	28	80	14,858	7,886	1,286	890	169	10,922		124	518	90	3,065	$6,098 83
Lebanon,	29	68	12,687	4,935	1,324	737	191	10,508	5	106	449	74	7,264	6,852 00
Zion,	26	79	9,125	5,395	856	525	168	7,428		76	278	85	3,541	3,195 82
Maryland,	28	51	7,361	4,029	883	551	237	6,317	1	112	366	47	4,273	3,930 74
North Carolina,	11	26	2,146	270	150	78	37	2,128		3	21	3		
Virginia,	10	25	1,722	457	77	38	16	1,334		13	28	12	540	416 57
Philadelphia,	30	34	7.607	3,286	1,196	541	279	6,050	1	155	348	40	4,847	7,263 96
Mercersburg,	32	65	6,259	5,212	495	477	152	5,698	3	120	107	59	3,961	5,552 47
Goshenhoppen,	20	58	9,720	3,891	826	482	102	8,405	1	102	364	47	1,910	3,252 43
New York,	9	7	879	175	318	77	32	803	1	4	33	5	675	
Lancaster,	20	36	3,568	1,778	364	254	151	2,742		46	158	26	2,384	5,625 73
East Susquehanna,	19	83	6,982	3,905	726	386	159	6,112		67	178	59	3,420	1,427 74
West Susquehanna,	17	57	3,965	2,178	317	171	38	3,286	16	52	144	35	1,545	1,945 00
Total, 13 Classes.	279	669	86,879	43,797	8,818	5,207	1,731	71,733	28	980	2,992	582	37,425	$45,561 29
Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 8 Classes, —	128	294	19,791	10,941	1,892	1,754	613	17,133	135	200	434	184	11,740	7,257 08
Synod of the North West, 7 Classes, —	108	177	11,222	9,006	1,450	794	532	9,167	52	181	299	120		5,840 08
Synod of Pittsburg, 4 Classes, —	52	131	9,751	7,632	1,006	652	236	8,065		123	228	89	5,103	8,056 19
Total, 4 Synods, 32 Classes,	567	1271	127,643	71,376	13,166	8,407	3,112	106,098	215	1484	3,953	975	54,268	$66,714 64

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions, held in Martinsburg, West Va., in the month of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Two. The sessions commenced on the evening of the Sixteenth and continued until the close of the morning of the Twenty-Third day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions were opened with religious exercises, conducted by the President, the Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D. D., in immediate connection with which he preached a sermon from Luke xi. 1: "*Lord, teach us how to pray, as John also taught his disciples.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. Martin A. Smith, Israel S. Weisz, Franklin H. Schwartz, John Beck.[1] and Samuel G. Wagner.[2]

Elders.—Owen L. Schreiber, Aaron G. Renninger, Joseph Laubach[2] and George Hagenbuch.[2]

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[1] Took their seats on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.
[2] Took their seats on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Henry A. Keyser, John P. Stein, Daniel B. Albright,[3] Christian H. Mutschler, and William F. P. Davis.[4]
Elders.—Daniel Small,[3] and William D. Rauch.[4]

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Rev. Jacob Sechler,[5] Reinhardt R. Smith, and Jacob D. Zehring.
Elders.—Valentine Wilt, John Hagar, Emanuel Krone, and Isaac Snyder.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Rev. Joseph W. Santee, John C. Hauser, Abner R. Kremer, Simon S. Miller,[6] and John M. Titzel.
Elders.—Joshua Motter, Lewis Markell, David C. Hammond, Joseph Seibert, and Henry Winter.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. Jacob Dahlman, jr., Joseph H. Dubbs, Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., and Henry W. Super.[1]
Elders.—Jacob C. Slemmer, George Geatrell,[7] and J. David Miller.

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Rev. Henry St. John Rinker,[8] and John C. Hensell.
Elders.—Henry J. Seibert and William Wenner.[1]

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Rev. William D. Lefevre, Milton H. Sangree, Ellis N. Kremer, Moses Kieffer, D. D.,[9] and Elias D. Shoemaker.
Elders.—Frederick Hyle, Henry Beckley and James Rawlings.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. Nathan Z. Snyder, L. Kryder Evans, and Peter S. Fisher.[10]
Elder.—Michael Worman.

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Rev. Kaspar Brunner.[2]
Elder.— * * * * *

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[3] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the fifth day of the sessions.
[4] Took their seats on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.
[5] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.
[6] Was succeeded by the Rev. Jacob Hassler, from the afternoon of the third until the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.
[7] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.
[8] Was succeeded by the Rev. Joel T. Rossiter, on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

XI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. Frederick A. Gast, Darius W. Gerhard, John G. Wolff, and Amos H. Kremer, D. D.[1]
Elder.—Daniel W. Gross.

XII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, John Wolbach, William G. Engle,[2] and John W. Lescher.[11]
Elders—Joseph Williard[2] and Peter T. Stein.[11]

XIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. William A. Haas and George E. Addams.
Elders.— * * * * *

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Rev. F. J. F. Schantz.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of Zion.—Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D. D., David Bossler, Henry Wissler, and Elder William A. Wilt.

From the Classis of Maryland.—Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, George L. Staley, Marcus Bachman, Jacob Hassler, William F. Colliflower, William A. Gring, William Goodrich, and Elders J. Cushwa, Ezra Williard and Daniel S. Biser.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Charles G. Fisher.

From the Classis of Virginia.—Rev. Stephen K. Kremer, George H. Martin, Joel T. Rossiter, Samuel N. Callender.

From the Classis of Mercersburg.—Rev. William M. Deatrick, John H. Sykes, Elnathan E. Higbee, D.D., William C. B. Shulenberger, Peter S. Davis, and Elders David Dunn and John H. Brewster.

From the Classis of Lancaster.—Rev. Theodore Appel, D. D., and Calvin U. Heilman.

From the English Classis of Iowa, Synod of Ohio and adjacent States—Rev. Joshua Riale.

From the Classis of Somerset, Synod of Pittsburg.—Rev. George H. Johnston.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced at intervals during the sessions of Synod:

Rev. David H. Riddle, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church; Rev.

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[9] His seat was occupied by the secundus Rev. Nehemiah H. Skyles, until the morning of the fifth day of the sessions.

[10] Took his seat on the afternoon of the third and obtained leave of absence on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[11] Took their seats on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

W. H. Gerhard, and M. L. Culler, of the Lutheran Church; Rev. Dabney Ball, of the Southern Methodist Church, Rev. W. S. Penick, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. A. R. Reiley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Martin A. Smith was chosen *President.*
Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., *Stated Clerk.*
Rev. Marcus Bachman was re-elected *German Clerk.*
Elder Henry Wirt was re-elected *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the seventh pew from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions:

The *Morning Session* to open at 9 and close at 12 o'clock.

The *Afternoon Session* to open at 3 and close at 5 o'clock.

Evening sessions were held on the sixth and seventh days of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Minutes of Synod.—Rev. Jacob Sechler, Ellis N. Kremer, Nathan Z. Snyder, and Elders Frederick Hyle and Michael Worman.

Overtures.—Rev. Israel S. Weisz, John P. Stein, Jacob D. Zehring and Elders Daniel Small and Isaac Snyder.

Correspondence with Sister Churches.—Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Simon S. Miller, L. Kryder Evans, and Elders Henry Beckley and James Rawlings.

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. St. John Rinker, Milton H. Sangree, Wm. A. Haas, and Elders David C. Hammond and John Hagar.

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3. The Annual reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4. The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with the Report of the Treasurer, was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication, and the Report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund" were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

6. The First Annual Report of the Synod's Board of Missions, and Statements from the Treasurers of the General Synod's Board of Missions were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

7. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, announcing the vacancies occurring in the Board, was received, and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

8. Two other communications were received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

[illegible] Minutes of Synod was dispensed with, and they [illegible] committee on Minutes of Synod.

[illegible] the following report, which was received [illegible]:

[illegible] the Minutes of Synod would report the following business:

[illegible] The appointment of delegates to Corresponding [illegible]

[illegible] A request that the Board of Trustees of the Theo[illegible] appoint an agent or agents, to secure the endowment [illegible] Professorship in the Theological Seminary.

[illegible] A request to the Board of Trustees of the Theolo[illegible] furnish Synod, at this annual meeting, with a full [illegible] condition of the funds of the Seminary.

[illegible] A direction to the Board of Visitors to supply [illegible] the Theological Tutor.

[illegible] Resolutions providing for the election of a Pro[illegible] the chair of Biblical Exegesis in the Theological Semi[illegible] directing the Board of Trustees to provide for the support [illegible] Professorship, until it shall be fully endowed, the con[illegible] which was postponed to this annual meeting of the [illegible]

[illegible] page 47. The continuation of the committee appointed to [illegible] measures for the semi-centennial anniversary of the found[illegible] Theological Seminary.

[illegible] page 50. The cause of Missions was commended to the [illegible] and prayers of all our members.

[illegible] page 50. The pastors of the different Classes of this Synod [illegible] requested to preach, during the synodical year, on Home and [illegible] Missions.

Item 9, page 51. The attention of the Board of Missions was di[illegible] to the promising fields in Virginia and North Carolina.

Item 10, page 51. The various Classes were directed to report to [illegible] Board the amounts contributed, and the number of missions [illegible] their bounds, and also to contribute as much as possible to[illegible] the general work of the Board of this Synod.

Item 11, page 56. The attention of the Treasurer of Synod was [illegible] to the standing rule, requiring interest to be charged on all [illegible] made upon the Classes, remaining unpaid on the first of July following the time of assessment.

Item 12, page 65. The Board of Publication was authorized to ap[illegible] an editor for the "Kirchenzeitung," subject to the approval of Synod.

Item 13, page 65 A communication from the "Deutsche Buch

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9 and 10, see Article XIV., Missions; in item 11, see Article XV., Finance; in items 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, see Article XIX., Publication; in item 20, see Article XX., Church Government; and in items 23, 24, 25, and 26, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to report the following items claiming the consideration of Synod:

Item 1. A communication from the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa.

Item 2. A letter from the Corresponding Secretary of Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College, asking of Synod the privilege of nominating two of the six candidates each year, for the office of Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College.

Respectfully submitted.

I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod in reference to the two items contained in the above report, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The following report was received from the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, taken up item by item and adopted:

Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches respectfully report,

That but one document has been referred to them, viz: The Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. In this document they find the following items:

1st. The Ministerium met in annual sessions in Philadelphia on Trinity Sunday, May 26, 1872, and our delegate, Rev. Isaac K. Loos, was present at its sessions.

2d. Rev. J. A. Kunkleman was appointed delegate *primarius* and Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, *secundus*, to this meeting of our Synod.

3d. The difficulty in regard to Church property in New Germany, N. J., engaged the attention of the Ministerium, and the delegate to

this body was instructed to endeavor to secure, by the co-operation of this Synod, a prompt and amicable settlement of this difficulty.

4th. The Ministerium will hold its next annual meeting in Emanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pottstown, Pa., on Trinity Sunday, 1873.

Respectfully submitted,
T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman.*

Item 3, in the above report, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Amos H. Kremer, Kaspar Brunner, John Beck, and Elders Joseph Laubach and George Hagenbuch, with the instructions to confer with the Corresponding Delegate from the Ministerium, in regard to the subject referred to them. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to confer with the representative of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, in relation to the difficulties existing between the Reformed and Lutheran congregations at New Germany, N. J., respectfully report,

That they have learned from a legally certified copy laid before them, that articles of agreement for the division of the church property in dispute, have been signed by representatives of the respective congregations. While your committee are gratified with this approximation towards a peaceful solution of the difficulties involved, they would, nevertheless, earnestly recommend, that, on account of the close proximity of the respective properties, the Rev. Nicholas Gehr, in connection with the delegate from the Lutheran Ministerium, be appointed to visit New Germany at an early day, to estimate and mutually agree upon the price value of that part of the property to be acceded to the Reformed congregation, by the said articles of agreement, and that the Lutheran congregation be requested to pay the amount thus agreed upon to the Reformed congregation, and that they use their best efforts to bring to an amicable conclusion all existing difficulties, and that a certified copy of this action be furnished to the delegate of the Lutheran Ministerium and the Rev. Nicholas Gehr.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. KREMER. *Chairman.*

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body :

Your delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America would respectfully beg leave to report,

That he attended the sessions of that body in Brooklyn, N. Y., in June last. He was cordially and fraternally received, and the Synod through its president requested him to carry back to this body every assurance of Christian regard.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis requests Synod:

First, To disapprove of the licensure of Mr. Francis S. Lindaman, by the Classis of Philadelphia,

Second. To refer him to the East Pennsylvania Classis for licensure, and

Third, To make the Schuylkill river, from Port Clinton to Shoemakersville, the boundary line between the Classes of Lebanon and East Pennsylvania.

2. The Classes of Lebanon, Philadelphia and New York, request Synod to grant the Classes, which include German ministers and churches, to organize a German Classis or Classes in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, after the General Synod shall have declared the amendment of the Constitution as accepted, with regard to this matter.

3. The same Classes request Synod to grant the German Classes thus organized, permission to form themselves into a German Synod, in accordance with the provision of the Constitution.

4. The Philadelphia Classis directs the attention of the "Widows' Fund Society," to the desirableness of revising its present system, so as to render its aid more effective.

5. The Classes of Zion, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and Mercersburg, request Synod to take measures to have them organized into a new District Synod.

6. Goshenhoppen Classis asks Synod to appoint a committee, to make a boundary line between Goshenhoppen and Philadelphia Classes; said committee to consist of one member from each of the Classes interested, and one or more from an adjacent Classis.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. Elder David Dunn, of the Huntingdon charge, appeals to this Synod, from a certain action of the Mercersburg Classis.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. Goshenhoppen, Maryland, Zion's, New York, Virginia, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Lancaster and Lebanon Classes took favorable action on all the subjects referred to them by Synod.

2. The Philadelphia Classis attended to the case of the Rev. George D. Wolff, which was referred to it by this Synod.

3. East Pennsylvania Classis attended to the request of Synod in regard to the case of the Rev. John S. Ermentrout, and erased his name from the roll of Classis.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, DISMISSED, ETC.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Messrs. Willoughby Donat and Oscar Herman; dismissed, Rev. George B. Dechant to the East Susquehanna Classis, and erased the name of John S. Ermentrout from its roll.

2. Lebanon Classis ordained the licentiates Christian Kessler, Henry Leisse and John S. Stahr; dismissed the Rev. Robert S. Appel to the Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. Charles A. Rittenhouse to the East Pennsylvania Classis; received the Rev. William F. P. Davis from Zion's Classis, the licentiate Henry Leisse from the Philadelphia Classis, and the licentiate John S. Stahr, from Lancaster Classis; suspended, Rev. Augustus L. Herman from the gospel ministry, and restored Rev. John A. Leiss to the ministry of the Church.

3. Zion's Classis licensed Mr. David B. Lady; ordained the licentiate Francis S. Lindaman; dismissed Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier to the East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. William F. Colliflower to the Maryland Classis, Rev. William F. P. Davis to the Lebanon Classis, Rev. William D. C. Rodrock to Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Alexander S. Vaughan to the Monmouth Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, the licentiate, David B. Lady, to the Westmoreland Classis, Rev. Samuel E. Herring, to the West Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church, Rev. Caspar Scheel to the Tuscarawas Classis; received licentiate Francis S. Lindaman from the Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. Lewis D. Steckel from Mercersburg Classis.

4. Maryland Classis received Rev. Thomas C. Poulson, from the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. William F. Colliflower, from Zion's Classis, Rev. John Lantz, from Virginia Classis, Rev. C. D. E. Schild, from the District of Cleve, Rhenish Prussia; dismissed Rev. Jesse Steiner, to the Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, to the Protestant Episcopal Church, Rev. Henry I. Comfort, to Mercersburg Classis, Rev. Henry L. Grandlienard to New York Classis; relieved, Christian B. Wolff of his licensure, and deposed Rev. Robert F. Reitzel from the Christian ministry.

5. North Carolina Classis dismissed Rev. Philip A. Long, to Tuscarawas Classis.

6. Virginia Classis dismissed Rev. John Lantz to the Classis of Maryland, and Rev. Henry Wissler to Zion's Classis.

7. Philadelphia Classis licensed Francis S. Lindaman, and Henry Leisse; ordained the licentiates J. M. Hartzell and R. Leighton Gerhart; dismissed the licentiate Henry Leisse to the Lebanon Classis, the licentiate Francis S. Lindaman to the Classis of Zion, Rev. George B. Russell to the Westmoreland Classis, Rev. Max. Frankel, to East Susquehanna Classis, and received the licentiate Andrew J. Bowers from the Virginia Classis, Rev. John G. Noss from the St. Joseph's Classis, Rev. William D. C. Rodrock from Zion's Classis, and deposed Rev. George D. Wolff from the ministry, and erased the name of the Rev. J. C. Beinhauer from its roll.

8. Mercersburg Classis ordained Messrs. Ellis N. Kremer and Milton H. Sangree; dismissed Rev. George W. Glessner to Lancaster Classis, Rev. Louis D. Steckel to Zion's Classis. Rev. Calvin U. Heilman, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., and Thomas G. Apple, D. D., to Lancaster Classis. Rev. Samuel Z. Beam to St. Joseph's Classis; received Rev. Henry I. Comfort, from Maryland Classis, Prof. George

N. Abbott, as a licentiate from the Vermont "Association of Congregational Ministers," and Rev. Ambrose C. Geary from Westmoreland Classis.

9. Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. Robert S. Appel, from Lebanon Classis, Rev. L. Kryder Evans, from West Susquehanna Classis, and Franklin J. Mohr from the East Susquehanna Classis.

10. Lancaster Classis licensed Messrs. John M. Souder and George W. Snyder; dismissed George W. Snyder to East Susquehanna Classis, John M. Souder to Maryland Classis, and John S. Stahr to Lebanon Classis; received Rev. Drs. Thomas G. Apple, and Emanuel V. Gerhart, and Rev. George W. Glessner from Mercersburg Classis, and Rev. Herman Bielfeld, from West New York Classis.

11. East Susquehanna Classis ordained licentiate George W. Snyder; dismissed Rev. Franklin J. Mohr to the Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. Jared Fritzinger, to East Pennsylvania Classis, and Rev. William M. Landis to the West Susquehanna Classis; received Rev. John M. Clemens from the Lebanon Classis, Rev. Horatio Daniel from Tiffin Classis, Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, from Zion's Classis, Rev. Max Frankel, from Philadelphia Classis, Rev. William G. Engle, from West Susquehanna Classis, and the Licentiate George W. Snyder from the Lancaster Classis.

12 West Susquehanna Classis dismissed Rev. L. Kryder Evans to Goshenhoppen Classis, and Rev. William G. Engle to East Susquehanna Classis; received Rev. William A. Haas from East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Andrew J. Heller, from Westmoreland Classis, and Rev. William M. Landis, from East Susquehanna Classis.

13. The Classis of New York received the Rev. A. Stoll from the Mission House at Basil.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in De Long's Church, Berks Co., Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension Day, 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. John Beck, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Lebanon Classis will meet at Sinking Spring, Berks Co., Pa., on Thursday after Whitsuntide, 1873, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Wm M. Reily, *President*, and Rev. J. P. Stein, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Zion's Classis will meet in Ickesburg, Perry Co., Pa., on Friday before Ascension day, May 16th, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Daniel Ziegler, *President*, and Rev. William R. H. Deatrich, *Stated Clerk*.

4. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, of Boonsborough, Washington Co., Md., on Thursday before Ascension day, May 15th, 1873, at 7½ P. M. Rev. George L. Staley, *President* and Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Stated Clerk*.

5. North Carolina Classis will meet at Hickory Tavern, on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in May, 1873, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Rev.

Jeremiah Ingold, *President*, and Rev. George W. Welker, D. D. *Stated Clerk.*

6. Virginia Classis will meet in Winchester, Va., on Wednesday before the 3d Sunday in May, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Geo. H. Martin, *President*, and Rev. H. S. John Rinker, *Stated Clerk.*

7. Philadelphia Classis will meet in Schenkel's church, Chester Co., Pa., on Tuesday after Whitsunday, the 3d of June, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Daniel Feete, *President*, and Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr. *Stated Clerk.*

8. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Altoona, Blair Co., Pa., June 12th, 1873, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., *President*, and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk.*

9. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Zionsville, Lehigh Co., Pa., on Friday before Ascension Day, 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. Lawrence D. Leberman, *President*, and Rev. Tilghman O. Stem, *Stated Clerk.*

10. New York Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Bridgeport, Connecticut, the first Tuesday after Whitsuntide, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Kaspar Brunner, *President*, and Rev. Charles Bank, *Stated Clerk.*

11. Lancaster Classis will meet at Elizabethtown, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, 1873, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Frederick Pilgram, *President*, and Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk.*

12. The Classis of East Susquehanna will meet in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., on Thursday before Ascension, May 15th, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. John W. Lescher, *President*, and Rev. Henry Mosser, *Stated Clerk.*

13. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., on the third Wednesday in May, 1873, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. John K. Millet, *President*, and Rev. William A. Haas, *Stated Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted,

H. St. J. RINKER,
W. A. HAAS,
M. H. SANGREE,
D. C. HAMMOND.
JOHN HAGAR.
} Committee.

The judgment of the Committee in regard to the first twelve items reported as Irregularities, was approved. For the action in regard to Irregularity 13, see Article XX., Church Government.

For the action of Synod on the requests 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, see Article XX., Church Government; and request 4, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

For the action of the appeal reported, see Article XVI., Appeals and References.

The remaining items in the report were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination respectfully report:

That they have had no business referred to them, and hence have nothing to report, and ask accordingly to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

In looking over the Classical reports on the State of Religion and Morals, we discover, with devout gratitude to God, the fact that none of the ministers within the bounds of this Synod have fallen by the hand of death, and that all have been permitted by a gracious Providence to labor, almost without a single interruption, in their respective fields; so that the people throughout our borders (except those belonging to vacant charges), have enjoyed the unceasing flow of divine grace, as administered by the anointed ambassadors of Christ.

Such being the kind providence by which our clergy have been upheld and supported, it is not strange, that favorable reports of the work of the Lord through His servants should greet this Synod. With steady purpose and firm faith, the heralds of the Lord of hosts have pushed forward their work of breaking down the strong holds of sin and Satan, and of building up the walls and towers of Zion. They have been, in large measure, faithful to their Master's solemn command, to preach the gospel, to administer the signs and seals of His grace, and to teach the people all things which He commanded. All this, we are assured, they have done, with evangelical simplicity and energy, without the employment, on their part, of any of the various handicrafts and inventions of men, so extensively used in other quarters, for the work of the gospel. Our ministry and people have no faith in the legion of pious frauds that have been, in many places, substituted for the divine means of grace—such as turning pulpits into platforms, Sunday-schools into petty theatres, preachers into actors, and sermons into vain rhetoric, for the pleasing of the ear of the natural man. Our Classical reports utter their unanimous testimony, that our people have been fed and nourished, not by means of

the world's excellency of speech, or the wisdom which is foolishness with God, but with the pure Word of Life, spoken in the meekness, sobriety, and earnestness, which have ever characterized the true preaching of the gospel.

The labors of these spiritual husbandmen have not been in vain. At the baptismal font a very large number have received at their hands the sign and seal of the covenant, and have been added to the infant membership of the Church. Many youths, from every part of our spiritual domain, have pressed to their altars, there to assume the vows once made in their behalf, that they might receive the anointing blessing of Christ in confirmation, and partake, with the sacramental host, of the emblems of our Lord's body and blood. Impenitent sinners have been brought to a knowledge and sense of their misery through the preaching of the word; careless and wandering sheep have been brought back to the fold; and true Christians have become more enlightened, liberal and efficient.

The reports before us contain so many items of good news from the churches, that only the most important can receive attention at our hands in this narrative. As affording a marked evidence of internal prosperity, one Classis informs us, that "very few of a certain very discouraging class are reported called non-communicants," and that the number of confirmations is almost double that of the previous year. The same Classis, however, deplores the paucity of ministers within its bounds and in the Church, and its consequent inability to answer the oft-repeated Macedonian cry from the great valley of Virginia. Let us earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest, that He will raise up heroic and self denying men as laborers, who will go forth and occupy that most promising field.

The excellent work of dividing overgrown charges has been continued, and the importance of the subject has been vigorously discussed in some of the Classes, especially East Pennsylvania, though without the large results that could be desired. May it not be hoped, that the day will soon come, when no pastor will have more congregations than he can properly serve?

Our people, many of them at least, have not been unmindful of the divine command, "Honor the Lord with thy substance." The amount of benevolent contributions is considerable, as the statistics will show. Yet, it must be confessed with shame, that we have not come up to our full duty in this respect. There is no good reason why any of our noble enterprises and institutions should languish, or struggle for existence, for want of means. If all our communicant membership would comply with the Scriptural demands in respect to giving, all our institutions of learning would be thoroughly manned and endowed, there would be no vacant charges, and every inviting field would be occupied.

A pleasing feature that presents itself in the reports, is the unity of doctrinal sentiment which prevails, with but slight exception, throughout the bounds of this Synod. Our late doctrinal conflict is virtually past, so far as this Synod is concerned, and we have settled

down in the unity of one faith—the faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church—a faith which is at once our sword and shield, our spiritual defence and protection against every form and manifestation of Antichrist, whether appearing in the evil world, or lurking deceitfully in the Church itself. We are agreed as to the true idea and nature of worship; *with us* the question in regard to cultus is settled, in principle; and we hope only to advance to the full apprehension and practical application of the divine idea, now clothed, for us, in what we believe to be a proper form, as an Order of Worship for our Church. This form has become the devotional companion of our ministry and thousands of our people; and its full acceptance, by the great body of our membership, as a spiritual necessity, is evidently a question of the near future.

The great festivals of the Church have been observed, during the past year, by nearly all our congregations, with most happy results; and four of the Classes make special mention of the fact, that the order of the Church year, with its lessons and prayers, has been followed with great benefit to both ministers and people.

The reports also speak of the erection and remodeling of houses of worship in many places; of new and improved accommodations for the Sunday-schools connected with the churches, and of new and more churchly appointments of pulpit, altar and font, to correspond as fully as possible with the true idea of public worship.

Those of our Sunday schools which are under the immediate care of the congregation and minister are in a flourishing condition, and are real institutions of grace to our children and youth. Others, called union-schools, and often conducted by incapable persons, and these not responsible to any church authority, are represented as of but little account in the work of training the young, and assisting the minister in his catechetical work. The only remedy is to be found in the division of large charges, and the abandonment of union churches, so that ministers could devote part of each Lord's day to the instruction of the youth in the school.

Catechization has been attended with great success, and the result of the faithful labors of the pastors, in this way, as shown by the statistical reports, is an increase of our confirmed membership to the number of four thousand five hundred and fifty-three. All, or nearly all, of these have been carefully instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion—the only way in which the true Church of Christ from the beginning has introduced persons into her full communion—and the only way which has stood the test of the ages.

In conclusion, while the Classical reports represent a healthy condition of the churches under our care, and all express devout gratitude to God for the results obtained, yet they also give expression to sorrow, on account of the lack of means to carry forward our work with that degree of success and efficiency which its importance demands. "Faith cometh by hearing," but how shall the people hear without a preacher? "And how shall they preach except they be sent?" God grant that our people may speedily see the overwhelm-

ing importance of complying fully with the Scriptural demand upon every Christian, to give freely and pray earnestly, that multitudes of self-denying and godly men may be enabled to devote themselves to the work of the holy ministry.

And now, unto Him to whom we humbly confess our sins and shortcomings, and who pardons freely all who come to Him by Jesus Christ, let us consecrate our bodies and souls, and all our temporal substance, as a holy and reasonable sacrifice, unto our life's end, that, in the great harvest, what we now sow in tears we may then reap with joy.

Respectfully submitted,

ABNER R. KREMER, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Tables see Appendix.*)

The following religious exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod:

1. The sessions were each day opened and closed with religious services.

2. The last hour of the morning of the third day of the sessions was spent in singing and prayer, under the direction of the President.

3. Rev. Stephen K. Kremer, John M. Titzel, Nehemiah H. Skyles, and Elders Daniel W. Gross and Valentine Wirt, were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises. This Committee submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Exercises beg leave to offer the following report:

SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYNOD.

Thursday night.—Sermon by Rev. John H. Sykes.

Friday night.—Sermon by Rev. John Beck.

Saturday afternoon.—Preparatory sermon, by Rev. William D. Lefever.

Saturday night.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee.

Sunday morning.—Communion sermon, by Rev. George H. Johnston.

Sunday night.—Sermon by Rev. Henry W. Super.

Monday night.—Missionary meeting.

SERVICES IN SISTER CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.

Episcopal Church.—Morning, Prof. Frederick A. Gast, and evening, Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs.

Presbyterian Church.—Morning, Rev. L. K. Evans, and evening, Rev. S. G. Wagner.

Lutheran Church.—Morning, Rev. Jacob Hassler, and evening, Rev. Nathan Z. Snyder.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—Morning, Rev. Israel S. Weisz, and evening, Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.—Morning, Rev. George E. Addams, and evening, Rev. John P. Stein.

Baptist Church.—Morning, Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel, and evening, Rev. William A. Haas.

United Brethren Church.—Evening, Rev. Ellis N. Kremer.

Respectfully submitted,

S. K. KREMER,
J. M. TITZEL,
N. H. SKYLES,
D. W. GROSS,
V. WILT.

The religious services, as appointed by the Committee, were severally observed.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a) Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United Sates.

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary held three meetings during the past Synodical year. At the first meeting, Nov. 28, 1871, Rev. John W. Steinmetz was elected General Agent of the Board for the collection of funds for the erection of buildings, endowment, &c., and Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., agent to operate amongst the German congregations to secure funds for the objects named in the action of the Synod of Pottstown.

Rev. Mr. Steinmetz accepted the position of General Agent, and in April of the present year entered upon his work, and has since that time been actively engaged in pushing it forward. His success, we think, has been satisfactory, inasmuch as he has secured in six months about $7,500 in cash and notes. He is in account with the Treasurer elected by the Board last November, Mr. John B. Roth, and it is proper to state, in this connection, that the discrepancy between this amount and the report of Treasurer Roth is owing to the fact, that Mr. Steinmetz has not yet handed over all the notes which he has obtained.

The amount of cash in the hands of the Board for Removal (or building) fund is $3,315.00, and notes and other obligations, $12,032.00, making altogether for this purpose, $15,347.00.

Early in the present year the Executive Committee of the Board directed the Secretary to issue an appeal to the churches for cash to pay off the balance due the Treasurer on last year's account, $1,047.71. We regret to state, that out of the hundreds of pastors and congregations to whom this appeal was mailed, only about fifty re-

sponded; the remainder did not even reply, although in each case a *printed and stamped* envelop was enclosed with the appeal. Still, the sum realized amounted to $594.12, which amount has been paid over to Mr. Wingerd by the Secretary of the Board.

Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., declined the position tendered him, and as the Board knew, that the German churches intended holding a Conference, at which they would consider the action of Synod, we thought it would be better to await their action. The result proved the correctness of this course. The following letter from Rev. N. Gehr, who presided at the meeting of our German brethren, will explain itself, and will also show why the Board made no further attempt to secure an agent to operate for this object:

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

DEAR SIRS:

In compliance with a request of the German Conference, held recently in Philadelphia, I report to your respected body the following action, viz.:

"*Resolved*, 1st, That we gratefully acknowledge the interest manifested by our Synod at its late meeting at Pottstown, in favor of the German portion of the Reformed Church in the United States.

"2d, That in accordance with the action of Synod in reference to the establishment of a German Faculty, we will accept the German Professorship in the Theological Seminary, if completely endowed by its Trustees, as ordered by Synod, in lieu of the one lost to the Germans, and proceed to the election of a worthy and properly qualified Professor, as soon as said endowment is fully completed.

"3d, That as soon as the German Professorship is secured, we will make arrangements to procure students, both at home and abroad, and contribute toward their support according to our ability.

"4th, That, after the above resolutions have been carried out, we will, as soon as possible, collect the funds for the endowment of a second Professorship in the College.

"5th, That the funds of all these German Professorships at Lancaster shall be entrusted to a Board of Trustees, to be elected by the German portion of our Synod, and that Synod be respectfully requested to make the arrangements necessary thereto.

"6th, That in case the union of the German Faculty with the Institutions at Lancaster should at any time prove to be impracticable, the German Classes, or the German Synod, shall be allowed, with the funds in hand, to establish their own Institution."

Respectfully submitted,

N. GEHR,

Pres. of German Conference.

PHILADELPHIA, FEB. 5, 1872.

The Synod will readily see, that we, as a Board, had no authority to enter into correspondence with the Germans upon this subject, nor to proceed upon the basis they propose; our only course was to

refer the matter back to your venerable body for further consideration.

The following resolution, passed at the Synod of Pottstown, has only received partial attention:

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be requested to furnish the Synod, at its next annual meeting, wi h a full statement of the condition of the funds of the Seminary."

This action we understand to have a broader meaning than simply to report the amount of funds in hand and how invested. We think Synod desires not only to know this, but also in what manner these funds came into our possession, and the conditions upon which they were given, so as to set at rest, once for all, the question whether any part of the endowment fund was given for the purpose of sustaining an exclusively German professorship. To give Synod such information, it will be necessary for us to go back a number of years in the history of the Church, and also to obtain abstracts from official records of wills bequeathing sums of money to the Seminary, so that our report may not embody our own ideas merely, but may be authoritative and positive. Such a report as this we found it impossible to prepare this year, and therefore ask the indulgence of Synod until its next annual meeting.

The Board elected the following officers at the November meeting: Daniel W. Gross, *President;* Joshua Motter, *Vice-President;* Edward J. Zahm, *Secretary;* John B. Roth, *Treasurer.*

At the second meeting of the Board, held May 23, 1872, the plan for our new Seminary building was examined and adopted, but owing to the want of funds (cash) the Board declined to go forward with the building. We think the prudent course is not to begin our building, until we can see our way clear to pay as we go, and this, we believe, we will be able to do by the beginning of the coming spring.

At the third meeting, held October 4th instant, the Board took the following action:

1st. We passed a paper, which we have since forwarded to Pittsburg Synod, asking that body to open negotiations with you, for the purpose of effecting an arrangement, by which that Synod could become one with ours, in the management and support of the Theological Seminary. Should the Pittsburg Synod send a committee to your venerable body, we respectfully suggest, that earnest efforts be made to arrange such a basis of union as will warrant, not only these two Synods in joining in the support of the Seminary, but also the new Synod, which it is proposed to form at the present meeting of your body. After a full consideration of this whole subject, your Board is unanimously of the opinion, that such a union would be of vast advantage, not only to the Seminary we represent, but also to all the Synods, which would join in its support and management.

2d. The Board unanimously adopted the following in regard to the settlement of the Plainfield Bonds:

"We propose to notify every individual, against whom we hold one of these obligations, stating the amount of principal and interest due

the Board, and offer to each one to settle for any amount he may be disposed to pay; and, further, that inasmuch as Synod has directed us as a Board to report to it the condition of our endowment fund, we will, at the meeting of the Synod of 1873, report, *in detail*, the condition of this part of our fund, embracing the *names of the parties* against whom the notes are held, with the amount due by each individual."

We hope, by this course, to succeed in closing up a considerable part of these long standing obligations.

We beg leave to offer the following action for the consideration of Synod:

Resolved, That the salaries of the Professors at present engaged in the Theological Seminary be fixed conditionally at $1,800, and the salary of the Tutor conditionally at $1,000; the condition of the payment of the increase over the present salaries, which are $1,500 for the Professors and $800 for the Tutor, to be the ability of the Board of Trustees to meet the increase at the close of the current year, without infringing upon the permanent funds of the institution.

Your Board, while regretting that they cannot report the Seminary building as under way, still feel that the prospects of the Seminary were never brighter than they are at present. A few years' more earnest work will plant it firmly and strong in its new home, with, for which we earnestly pray, the strongest and largest part of the Reformed Church in the United States fully identified with its interests, and one in its support, as we trust they may ever be one in the doctrines it teaches and the truth it proclaims.

D. W. GROSS, *President*,
EDW. J. ZAHM, *Secretary*,
JNO. B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BRETHREN:

In presenting this, my eleventh annual report, I have nothing new to report, other than my great regret, that I was not able to hand over the Treasurership to Mr. John B. Roth, Treasurer elect, for the reason that I failed in collecting dues, for which I had to institute legal proceedings, which have not yet been decided. In conference with the Executive Committee at different times, it was deemed expedient, that I should continue acting Treasurer, until said dues have been collected and the Treasury handed over unincumbered.

Your dividends and interests have been promptly paid, excepting the Classical Tutorship dues, which have only been paid by the Classes of Mercersburg, Zion, Maryland, West Susquehanna, East Pennsylvania and Lebanon. West Susquehanna paid $103, and Maryland $150 on principal.

The Removal Fund has paid all expenses incurred and leaves a balance of $1833.16 in the Treasury.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer*.

Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United in account with A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer.

DR.

Oct. 1871.	To amt. due Treasurer	
Jan. 1872.	" " paid Dr. Apple	
" " "	" " Dr. Gerhart	
" " "	Klopp Legacy for 1871	
" " "	Arch. Logue	
" " "	S. R. Fisher & Co	
April. "	" Dr. T. G. Apple	
" " "	Dr. E. V. Gerhart	
July. "	" " " " "	
" " "	T. G. Apple	
" " "	J. C. Roney	
Oct. "	" Dr. Apple	
" " "	Dr. Gerhart	
" " "	Klopp Legacy	
" " "	A. B. Wingerd's salary	
" " "	Stationery and Postage	
	Amount paid Prof. Gast...	
Oct., " "	" " " "	

CR.

Nov 4, 1871.	By amt. interest, George Carbaugh	$60 00
Dec. 11, "	" " " George Carbaugh	90 00
Jany. 10, '72,	" " " George S. Griffith	30 00
" 22, "	" Interest on 5-20 Bonds,	150 00
" " "	" Premium on gold	13 00
" " "	" Amount Bank Dividends	818 30
Feby. 5,	" " G. S. Griffith, interest	30 00
April	" " Jacob Hersh, interest	84 00
"	" " George Carbaugh	60 00
"	" " D. S. Reisher's interest	120 00
"	" " " " "	75 00
"	" " George Carbaugh "	85 00
"	" " John Wiest "	60 00
"	" " George Cook, estate	18 00
"	" " Kieffer fund	285 00
"	" " Cook Legacy	38 67
June	" " Rev. Wm. M. Dietrick	12 60
"	" " Yellow Creek Charge	10 00
"	" " Rev. Theo. Fouse	6 00
July	" " Rev. John Zülich	30 00
"	" " Rev. E. D. Shoemaker	9 50
"	" " 5-20 Coupons	150 00
"	" " Premium on gold	18 00
"	" " Bank Dividends	826 98
Sept.	" " Premium on 5-20 bonds	635 00
Oct.	" " Interest on Sundry investm's	120 00
"	" " From E. J. Zahm	100 00
"	" " From E. J. Zahm	300 00
"	" " Interest on P. Bonds	326 70
	Balance due Treasurer	421 36

THEOLOGICAL TUTORSHIP FUND.

CR.

		Prin.	Int.
Oct., 1871.	By cash from Maryland Classis		$30 00
" "	Rec'd George B. Dechant		15 00
Jan'y, 1872.	W. S. Classis	$ 13 00	3 00
May, "	Lebanon Classis, A. S. Leinbach		8 00
" "	Wm. E. Schmertz		3 00
" "	W. S. Classis Rev. C. U. H	33 00	
" "	Maryland Classis, Rev. S. S. M	150 00	
" "	W. S. Classis, Rev. C. U. H	57 00	38 70
" "	E. P. Classis, Rev. J. Beck		30 00
" "	Maryland Classis, Rev. S. S. M		30 00
June, "	Mercersburg Classis, Rev. M. K		60 00
Aug., "	Zion Classis, Rev. W. A. W		60 00
		$253 00	$326 70

SUMMARY.

Whole amount received	$4,560 85	
Amount due Treasurer	421 36	
	$4,982 21	
Amount due disbursed		$4,982 21

Amount Tutorship Principal, $253.00, in Treasurer's hands.

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY FUND.

CR.

Oct., 1871.	Amount in Treasury	$303 02
Jan. 1872.	Rec'd from John Meily	60 00
Oct. "	Rec'd on Investment	36 00
		$399 02

DR.

Dec.	To amount paid F. W. Christian	$10 00	
Aug. 1872.	" " " " " "	20 92	
April, "	W. H. Roy	3 75	
Oct., "	S. R. Fisher & Co	82 01	
	Amount in Treasury	282 34	
			$399 02

REMOVAL FUND, OCT. 1871 TO OCT., 1872.

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Oct. 1871.	By amount in Treasury	$3,394 47
" 20, "	" " Rec'd from Rev. A. Bartholomew	86 50
" " "	" " " Rev. George B. Dechant	66 50
" " "	" " " A. G. Reninger	188 70
Jan., 1872.	" " " Samuel Seibert	50 00
" 25, "	" " " D. W. Gross, collected by him	675 00
May, "	" " " Rev. John Beck	15 00
	Carried over,	$4,476 17

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	By amount brought over,	$4,476 17
Oct. 1, 1872.	By amount rec'd from D. W. Gross.....	1,931 90
" " " " " "	E. J. Zahm, ...	164 06
		$6,572 13

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Oct. 1871.	To amount invested.....		$1000 00	
" " " "	paid W. H. Miller,	No. 1.....	166 65	
Nov. " " " "	E. J. Zahm,	2.....	327 33	
Jan. 1872. " " "	W. H. Miller,	3.....	146 91	
" " " " "	Kieffer's draft	4.....	45 00	
" " " "	paid Schwartzwelder & Morrow	5.....	890 29	
" " " "	paid Flinn & Brenneman	6.....	914 45	
Feb'y, " " " "	W. H. Miller,	7.....	264 14	
April, " " "	paid Schwartzwelder & Morrow	8.....	157 38	
Sept., " " "	paid J. C. Roney,	9.....	25 75	
" " " " "	John M. Bock,	10.....	20 50	
" " " " "	McCullen & Bateman	11.....	33 77	
" " " " "	William McConny,	12.....	47 22	
" " "	"paid Schwartzwelder & Morrow	13.....	186 11	
" " "	paid Flinn & Brenneman,	14.....	15 07	
" " " " "	Samuel Sloan,	15.....	50 00	
" " " " "	Lane & Co.,	16.....	7 01	
" " " " "	Rev. J. B. Kershner	17.....	25 00	
" " " " "	" " " " "	18.....	30 73	
" " " " "	E. J. Zahm,	19.....	49 06	
Oct. 1, " " "	paid E. J. Zahm, for A. Sechler	20.....	67 50	
" " " "	paid Widmyer & Co		171 80	
" " " " "	" " "		34 50	
" " " " "	Phil. Myers.....		48 45	
" " " " "	German Man.....		1 35	
" " " " "	Wiley & Geist.....		2 25	
" " " " "	Flinn & Brenneman.....		4 20	
Postage & Printing per E. J. Zahm.....			26 55	
Amount in Treasury.....			$1,833 16	$6,572 13

The Treasurer's account was examined by comparing with the vouchers, and found to be correct.

D. W. GROSS, }
G. Z. KUNKEL, } Committee.

J. B. Roth, Treasurer, in account with Jno. W. Steinmetz, Agent of Theological Seminary of Reformed Church.

DR.

To amount of notes received face value.....	$4,768 50	
Less " paid J. W. S., agent, on account.....	236 00	
Value of notes in my hand.....		$4.532 50
To amount of cash received from agent to date.....		2,123 65
Total received.....		$6,656 15

CR.

By amount paid agent salary from April 15, 1872, to Oct. 15, 1872.....	$649 98	
Traveling expenses.....	91 36	741 34
Total of notes and cash in hand, Oct. 4, 1872,		$5,914 81

JNO. B. ROTH, Treasurer.

Report of Board of Visitors.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, respectfully present the following as their annual report:

The Board had two meetings during the last Seminary year, one in November, and the other in May last, at the close of the year. At the meeting in November, the new Board was organized by the election of Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer, as President; Dr. S. R. Fisher, as Treasurer, and Dr. Theodore Appel, as Secretary. At the same meeting, in accordance with the direction of Synod, Rev. F. A. Gast was appointed Theological Tutor for the year, to take charge of the department of Hebrew and Biblical Theology.

The regular Annual meeting of the Board, was held in May last, in connection with the closing exercises of the Seminary year. From the reports of the Professors and other sources, we report such facts as tend to throw light upon the history and condition of the Seminary during the year.

In accordance with the action of Synod, the Seminary was removed to Lancaster during the early part of September, 1871. As Dr. Gerhart was the only member in the Faculty at the time, the services of Drs. Nevin, Theodore Appel and Professor F. A. Gast, were, according to the action of the Board, secured to assist in imparting instruction, until a sufficient teaching force could be brought together. On the first of November, Dr. Thomas George Appel, Professor elect, removed to Lancaster, and entered upon his duties as Professor of Church History. The two Professors and Tutor, by dividing the labor among themselves, were enabled to bestow attention upon all the branches of the prescribed curriculum, so that during the year the students have not suffered from the want of the necessary training in any department of the Theological course. The instructions have been full and complete.

The following young brethren have been in attendance upon the lectures in the Seminary during the year; *Senior Class*, W. Donat, O. C. Herman, C. Kessler, D. B Lady, G. W. Snyder, J. M. Souder, A. E. Truxal, and J. B Welty; in the *Middle Class*, C. Clever, D. C. Diffenderfer, H. M. Kieffer, H. King, and A. S. Stauffer; and in the *Junior Class*, H. D. Darbaker, J. F. De Long, J. W. G. Dengler, J. D. Detrick, J. Dotterer, W. H. Gutelius, D. P. Le Fever, J. P. Pennebaker, S. B. Shafer, and W. C. Schaeffer. In all, 23. Mr. B. Weiss of the Senior Class, and S. A. Bear, and N. C. Schaeffer, both of the Middle Class, were absent during the year by permission.

All the members of the Senior Class, at the close of the year, received a regular certificate of dismission and recommendation for licensure.

It is proper to say, that the Seminary has been laboring under some serious disadvantages, during the first year of its history in its new home, at Lancaster. At the start, the Faculty was not full; there was no Seminary building at hand for the accommodation of the students, such as they were accustomed to; and, as a consequence, they

were scattered about through the city in different boarding-houses, and accordingly prevented from forming a community of their own in their studies and devotions, such as they ought to have. All this operated more or less against the proper efficiency and success of the institution, during the year, and has been referred to by the Professors in their reports. It is, therefore, the more gratifying, that we are able to state that these adverse circumstances have not seriously impeded the progress of the institution, and that they have, in a measure, been obviated by such temporary arrangements as were at hand. A large lecture room in the College, was fixed up for the accommodation of the students, and the library, and other rooms were furnished as they were needed. The moral tone of the institution, notwithstanding the drawbacks, has been good, and the progress of the students in their studies as well as their general spirit, satisfactory. The examination of the students at the close of the year, extending over a wide range of theological subjects, was listened to with attention by the Board, and were regarded as creditable alike to the Professors and the students.

The training in doctrine, in religious thought and feeling, is such as is well calculated, in the opinion of the Board, to prepare the students to be able ministers of the New Testament in the Church of Jesus Christ, and in the Reformed Church in particular. The only matter of regret is, that the number of graduates of the Seminary from year to year, is not larger, so that the wants of the Church might be more fully met. This will follow, in proportion as the piety of the Church increases.

Dr. Thomas G. Apple was installed in office by the Committee of Synod a short time ago, and Rev. F. A. Gast was appointed Theological Tutor for the ensuing year.

There have been thirty-eight students under the care of the Board the past year; of these, four have finished their studies and entered upon the duties of the ministry, and two have been added. The amount contributed for their support, was $5.161.87. Last year it was $5,168.51. Disbursed $5 338.60. Balance in Treasury last year, $125.63. Balance due Treasurer, October 16, 1872, $57.05. We refer the Synod to the Treasurer's Report, for a statement of the finances of the Board.

The conduct of the students under the care of the Board, has been good, giving evidence that the aid rendered by the Church has been appreciated, and that it promises good results in the future.

There was, however, one exception brought to the notice of the Board. A beneficiary, who had received assistance from the Church some six years, just as he was about to graduate in the College, changed his views of Church government, and passed over into another denomination, in order to place himself in the line of its ministry. This was a sad and painful case, because he had received a large amount of money from the Church, which he was not able to return at the time he left us. He gave his written obligation to pay principal and interest at some future day, which it is believed he

faithfully redeem. The case is referred to here, with the hope t the Synod will direct congregations and Classes, as well as the ard, to be more careful in receiving beneficiaries under their care. ch written obligations shall be entered into, if possible, so that no neficiary should be able to leave the Church or relinquish his idies for the ministry, without returning at once, the money preously received from the Church. Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, Secretary.

I. SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Education of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

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By balance in Treasury, October, 1871		$ 125 68
By cash received from the Classis of East Pennsylvania		156 00
"	Lebanon	833 36
"	Zion	426 90
"	Philadelphia	438 28
"	Maryland	58 75
"	Mercersburg	1,135 56
"	Goshenhoppen	818 81
"	Lancaster	326 61
"	East Susquehanna	123 42
"	West Susquehanna	485 88
"	Iowa	21 75
"	Int. and Dividends	260 95
"	Miscellaneous	75 60
due Treasurer		51 05
		$5,338 60

DR.

By cash paid beneficiaries of Classis of		
East Penna	$120 00	
Lebanon	733 91	
Zion	557 00	
Philadelphia	491 03	
Mercersburg	882 09	
Goshenhoppen	619 21	
Lancaster	326 61	
East Susquehanna	241 40	
West Susquehanna	445 00	
Iowa	120 00	
Clarion	150 00	
General	575 00	
Interest	60 00	
Refunded	14 35	
Expenses	3 00	
		$5 338 60

Permanent Assets of the Board.

The same as reported last year..... .....$2,738 44

Indebtedness of Board.

The same as last year.....$1,000 00
1872, Oct. 18, Balance due Treasurer..... 51 05

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account as per vouchers, and find it correct, showing a balance in favor of the Treasurer of $51.05.

Oct. 18, 1872. A. H. KREMER.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received, taken up item by item and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

The Board reports the Seminary to be in a flourishing condition, and the prospects for the future brightening every day—a matter for devout gratitude. The Seminary is well manned, the faculty comparing in theological ability favorably with similar faculties of institutions in the country. The Board held three meetings during the year. At the first meeting the Board appointed Rev. John W. Steinmetz General Agent for the Seminary, "to collect funds for the erection of buildings, endowment," &c., which trust he accepted, and the agent is now prosecuting his work successfully. Efforts also were made by the Board to cancel the balance due the former Treasurer, as reported last year, with partial success. At the same meeting the Board appointed Rev. J. Dahlman, Jr., agent, to operate among the German portion of the Church, for the object named in the action of the Synod at Pottstown, which appointment, however, he saw fit to decline. In the month of January the pastors of the German portion of the Church assembled at Philadelphia, to consider the action, of the last Synod, looking to the establishment of a German Professorship and a German Faculty in the Seminary. For their action, Synod is referred to the report of the Board of Trustees. In view of the subject embraced in this action, the Committee recommend the following:

1. *Resolved,* That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary be authorized to secure the services of a proper person to act as agent, to secure funds for the endowment of the German Professorship proposed by the action of the Synod at Pottstown.

2. *Resolved,* That, in accordance with the action of the last Synod, as soon as sufficient funds are secured for the endowment of the Professorship, permission be granted to the German brethren to make an appointment to fill it, subject, always, to the approbation and sanction of the Synods having the oversight and control of the Seminary.

3. *Resolved,* That as the charter of the Seminary recognizes but

one Board of Trustees of the Seminary, the funds for the endowment of said Professorship be managed and controlled by the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, as the endowment fund has been heretofore managed.

In the action of the German brethren, bearing on this subject, it is declared, "that in case the union of the German faculty with the institution at Lancaster should at any time prove to be impracticable, the German Classes, or the German Synod, shall be allowed, with the funds in hand, to establish their own institution." Your Committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod at this time cannot anticipate future difficulties, but trust that mutual confidence be exercised towards each other, and that the funds will be managed by the Board to the best interests of the whole Church, German and English.

The Board further reports its inability to comply with the wishes of this Synod, to present a full statement of the condition of the funds of the Seminary, and ask further indulgence, so as to present the whole matter in detail. The Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the indulgence asked for by the Board be granted, and that the views set forth by the Board meet the wishes of this Synod.

At the third meeting, the Board adopted a paper and forwarded it to the Synod of Pittsburg, "to open negotiations with this Synod for the purpose of effecting an arrangement, by which that Synod could become one with ours in the management and support of the Theological Seminary." Your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That this subject be commended to the favorable consideration of this Synod.

The Board also is anxious to close up, in some way, the outstanding Plainfield bonds, and proposes to do so on the plan set forth in their report. Your Committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to settle these claims as in its judgment may be deemed best.

It is further proposed by the Board to increase the salary of the Professors and Tutor in the Seminary, conditionally. Your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the present the salaries of the Professors and Tutor remain at the same amount heretofore fixed.

Report of the Board of Visitors.

The Board reports to this Synod, that the interests of the Seminary are at this time satisfactorily carried forward. The Seminary was permanently located at Lancaster, in the early part of September, 1871. Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple, Professor-elect, took charge of the branches taught in the department to which he was elected, and was installed recently by the committee appointed by the last Synod. The Board also appointed Rev. F. A. Gast, Tutor; so that now the Institution has

three professors. The Seminary is reported to be in a flourishing condition. The examinations were creditable to both Professors and students. The moral tone of the institution is good. Twenty-three students were connected with the Institution during the year. Thirty-eight students were under the care of the Board, and the attention of the Synod is called to the cause of Beneficiary Education and furnishing funds for the Board. During the past year there was a small falling off in the receipts over the last year. $5,838.60 were paid out, and at this time there is a balance due the Treasurer of $51.05. The attention of the Board was directed to the case of one of its beneficiaries, who, near the end of his collegiate course, changed his views of Church government, and passed into another denomination. The Board, however, secured an obligation from him, to pay principal and interest at some future day. Your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, 1. That the action of the Board in the appointment of Rev. F. A. Gast, as Tutor in the Seminary, be approved.

Resolved, 2. That the cause of Beneficiary Education be commended to the pastors of the different charges under the care of the Synod, and that efforts be made to furnish means to carry forward more efficiently, this important interest, so vital to the Church.

Resolved, 3. That the congregations, Classes, and the Board be directed to exercise great care in receiving beneficiary students under their care, and that where it is possible written obligations for the assistance received be entered into, so as to secure to the Church, that which is contributed for a specific purpose, in case said beneficiary should leave the Church or relinquish his studies for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SANTEE,
J. C. HENSELL,
D. W. GERHARD,
D. C. HAMMOND,
JACOB C. SLEMMER. } Committee.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.

Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, David Zeller, James Cushwa, Edward J. Zahm, Jacob Heyser, David B. Russell, Charles Santee, Dr. Isaac Lefever, John Heilman, Owen L. Schreiber, David Eshbach, William A. Wilt, John B. Roth, and George W. Hensel, of the former Board were retained. In the place of those whose names are omitted, Isaac McHose, of Reading, Pa., and Hon. George C. Welker, of Sunbury, Pa., were elected.

Board of Visitors.

Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Isaac G. Brown, Dr. Amos H. Kremer, Daniel Y. Heisler, Charles H. Leinbach, Samuel G. Wagner, Dr.

Charles F. McCauley, Dr. Benjamin Bausman, and Dr. Theodore Appel, of the former Board, were retained. In the place of those whose names are omitted, Rev. Dr. Jacob O. Miller, William K. Zieber and John M. Titzel were elected.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following resolutions, the further consideration of which had been deferred by the last annual Synod until the present sessions, were taken up:

"*Resolved*, That this Synod proceed to the election of a Professor of Biblical Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, and that said Professor shall take his position immediately, or as soon hereafter as he can make his arrangements to do so satisfactorily to himself.

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be directed to take immediate steps for the support of the Professorship, until it shall be fully endowed."

After considerable discussion, the further consideration of them was postponed until the next annual sessions of Synod.

The committee appointed by the Synod at Mechanicsburg, Pa., to inaugurate measures for the proper celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Theological Seminary, submitted the following report, which was received and, after some discussion, adopted:

Your committee, appointed by the Synod of Mechanicsburg, to inaugurate measures for the proper celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Theological Seminary, would beg leave to report the following:

Whereas, The Ter centenary celebration of the introduction of the Heidelberg Catechism—a movement which necessarily called forth a "*History of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States*," and resulted in an effort towards the permanent endowment of said Institution—is still fresh in the memory of the people;

And whereas, The recent removal of the Theological Seminary from Mercersburg to its present home was attended by due and becoming ceremonies of an interesting character, and has made it necessary to send out an agent into the Church, to raise moneys for the erection of suitable buildings for the accommodation of the Institution and its professors and students;

And whereas, The present divided condition of the Church is unfortunately such as to make it impossible to enlist the *general* interest of its membership in all sections;

Your committee, therefore, deem it advisable and prudent *not to recommend a general celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Seminary*, but rather to refer the whole mat-

ter to the Faculty and Alumni of the Theological Seminary, and to vest them with discretionary power to commemorate that event in such a way as their best judgments may dictate.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. WAGNER,
W. K. ZIEBER, } Committee.
J. H. DUBBS.

The committee appointed to inaugurate the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple as Professor of Church History and Biblical Literature in the Theological Seminary, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by the special meeting at Lancaster to inaugurate Dr. T. G. Apple as Professor of Church History and Biblical Literature in the Theological Seminary, respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them.

Dr. Apple was inaugurated on the last Thursday evening (27th) of September. The opening address was delivered by the Chairman of the committee. The oath of office was administered by Dr. Fisher, and the prayer was offered by Dr. Nevin, in the absence of Dr. Zacharias, the third member of the committee.

M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

Expenses of travel, $7 40.

The Rev. George W. Johnson, of the Synod of Pittsburg, presented the action of that body in regard to the arrangements proposed to be entered into with this Synod, with respect to the Theological Seminary. It was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. John Beck, Frederick A. Gast, John M. Titzel, and Elders Daniel W. Gross and Joseph Laubach. This committee submitted the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Pittsburg Synod, proposing a plan of union with the Synod of the United States in the support, management, and control of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of the United States, and who were also directed to report a general plan of union of all district Synods in the Theological Seminary, beg leave to offer the following report:

The Synod, during its present sessions, having given its consent and approval to a union of district Synods with itself in the management, control, and support of its Theological Seminary, your committee would submit for adoption the following basis, on which the Synod of the United States and the Synod of Pittsburg, as also such other Synods as may hereafter be formed out of these Synods, together with any other Synods not included within the bounds of the Synods of the United States and of Pittsburg, may, if it be deemed advisable, unite in the management, control, and support of the Theological Seminary of this Synod:

1st. Each one of the Synods, at its meeting immediately following

the completion of this arrangement, shall elect one trustee for every twenty-five ministers, or fraction of twenty-five, regularly connected with it, one-third for three years a second-third for two years and the last third for one year, and at each annual meeting one-third shall be elected for three years; these persons so elected shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States. None but elders in good and regular standing shall be chosen to the office of Trustee. Members are also eligible to re-election.

2d. The Board of Trustees shall make annually written reports to the Synods, in which they shall give a full account of their actions and work during the year, and make such suggestions in regard to the property and management of the Seminary as they may deem advisable.

3d. Each of the Synods entering into this union shall elect one minister for every twenty five ministers, or fraction of twenty five, regularly connected with it, and these ministers thus elected shall constitute the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary. The members of the Board of Visitors shall be elected in the same manner and for the same period of time as the members of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Visitors shall annually report to the Synods the condition of the Seminary, state the number of students, number and names of the graduates during the year, and such other matters as appertain to the work of the Seminary.

4th. In case of any special contingency, such as the death or resignation of a Professor, the Board of Visitors, if they deem it necessary, shall be authorized to take proper steps to call a special meeting of the Synods which are parties to this arrangement.

5th. Whenever it shall become necessary to elect a Professor, the Synods shall meet together in general convention as delegated Synods to elect such Professor. When the Synods have organized, a committee shall be appointed, consisting of an equal number of members of each Synod, who shall have power to nominate only one candidate at a time. The election shall be by ballot, and two-thirds of the votes cast shall be required to elect.

6th. Should any Synod desire to withdraw from this union, it is to be clearly and distinctly understood, that it shall not be entitled to claim any pecuniary interest in the endowment, buildings, library, or any real or personal property or effects of the Seminary; but, on the contrary, the Seminary shall remain intact as to all its property of whatever kind, which shall belong to the Synods remaining in the union; excepting, however, from this provision all such funds as have been contributed for the endowment of any professorship in whole or in part, which funds are to be fully restored to the withdrawing Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BECK,
F. A. GAST,
JOHN M. TITZEL,
JOSEPH LAUBACH,
D. W. GROSS.
} Committee.

The report was received, and, after some discussion, it was

Resolved, That the report be referred to a committee to still further perfect the plan of union, and report at the next annual sessions of Synod.

The committee called for by this resolution consists of the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, John Beck, Dr. Jacob O. Miller, John M. Titzel, and Elders Daniel W. Gross, William A. Wilt and Edward J. Zahm.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Theological Seminary be authorized to add one hundred dollars to the salary of the Theological Tutor, the Rev. Frederick A. Gast, in case they find the condition of the funds in the Treasury will allow it.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Missions appointed by this Synod, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The Board of Missions you selected to serve you for the past year met in Trinity Church, Pottstown, on the 25th of October, 1871, and was organized by electing J. O. Miller, *President*, E. R. Eschbach, *Secretary*, W. K. Zieber, *Corresponding Secretary*, and W. A. Wilt, Esq, *Treasurer*.

It will be remembered, that the organization of this Board grew out of a desire expressed by the delegates of the Virginia Classis for the appointment of a committee to consider the subject of Southern Missions, especially in Virginia, during the Synodical year. The appointment of such committee at the time was objected to as unconstitutional. The officers of the General Synod's Board being present, suggested the organization of a separate Board by this Synod, auxiliary to theirs, as the other Synods had done. The Synod then saw fit to appoint us as its Board, and directed our attention especially to the South, in the States of Virginia and North Carolina.

When chosen by you to this office, we supposed our work a specific one, and that designated by your action. Except, so far as we might aid, in one way or other in reviving a missionary spirit in the bounds of this Synod, we had nothing to do with the general work of Missions, that belonging to the General Board, but were to confine our attention to Southern Missions. It was not only felt, but shown by figures in the Report, that there was a sad decline in the good work of Missions for several preceding years; the reasons for this we are not called upon to consider at this time. For example, the report

made to the General Synod, shows, that in 1868–9 the contributions for Missions, mostly of this Synod, had fallen off $5,020. A subsequent statement shows a slight revival in 1870, but in 1871 there was a decline again of $1,250.

While the interest in Missions was thus declining, we were selected as your Board. In the mean time, new interests in the way of schools and colleges were claiming the benevolence of our people; and the removal of the Theological Seminary, with additional expense and the full endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, was by special agency pressed upon many of our churches as of the first importance. In this lack of interest for Missions, these special claims absorbed nigh all the people felt like giving to benevolence, and thus our appointment was a mere nominal one, even in the limited field assigned us, as there was but little hope of pecuniary aid, should we need it. We went, however, at once earnestly to work to do what we could in the field assigned us, hoping to pave the way for more efficient action by the present meeting of the Synod.

But scarcely had we begun our work of Southern Missions, than we were informed, on 19th December, 1871, by the officers of the General Board, that in twelve days, the 1st January, 1872, they would transfer all Missions within the bounds of this Synod, seventeen in number, with appropriations of $4,900, which must thenceforth be provided for by us. They had, they said, transferred four Missions to the Ohio Synod, appropriating $750, and two Missions to the Synod of North West, appropriating $330. We could do nothing under the circumstances but receive these Missions under our care, though we had no means, in hope that some way would open to provide for them until the meeting of this Synod.

The transfer of these Missions divided our efforts and increased materially our responsibilities, without enlarging our resources. In the mean time, the remaining indebtedness of the General Board claimed all donations to Missions until their debt should be paid, and thus our hands were completely tied. We waited until half of the year had passed for this indebtedness to be paid before appealing for aid in our work; and then appealed only to the Classes last Spring, by sending one of our number to each, and authorized him to explain our plans, our financial condition, and ask their co-operation; and that they should furnish us with all the surplus money they might raise, and that was not needed for Missions within their own bounds, to sustain others in other localities. And as there was but a short time to elapse, since we heard the result of this appeal, and the meeting of this Synod, we did not deem it necessary to make any further appeals, in any other way to the churches on the subject of Missions. All this while, and even now, the General Board is receiving some of the donations of the churches to pay off their indebtedness, and *they still want more.*

We have then latterly been asked to open a new and large field of labor, and cultivate old ones, without means. Nor would courtesy to the General Board, for the largest part of the year, allow us even to

ask for aid. All we could possibly do was to try to keep these Missions already formed alive, by offering them our sympathy; for money we had but little, and holding out promises in the future by granting them orders. And failing to secure the services of a suitable person to act as superintendent in the Southern field, we could not do even there what we designed, and is yet to be done.

A lack of interest in the cause of Missions, it must be confessed, pervades our whole Church, and yet some portions show no missionary life whatever. From one of the largest Classes, for example, that has in its limits the largest number of missionaries transferred to our care, with appropriations of nearly one half that is pledged for Missions, not one cent was furnished us until a few weeks ago $100 or more was contributed to aid in paying $2,050 for Missions in their bounds, they having no missions under their separate care. And from another Classis that has pledged itself for five Missions within its bounds, appropriations $1,500, but a trifle has been received by us for these Missions. And in both of these cases the devoted missionaries with their families are made to suffer. It was always painful for us to receive appeals from your missionaries, not for *charity*, but their just *dues*, and be compelled to say we have no means; to receive appeals from Minnesota, Iowa, and California, as well as at home for aid, and still say, we are unable to help you.

The experience of the General Board taught us, that it was not wise to borrow money, even to pay our needy missionaries; and that the churches do not like to take up collections to pay debts, has been clearly proven in this last year, in the case of the General Board's indebtedness. Hence we refused to borrow money without first consulting you. Whilst some of our missions are not filled and others have not reported, and hence have no orders granted, still for orders granted, $1,363.99 is due your Missions for this year, for which provision must be made.

Our efforts, however, we think have not been fruitless, though we have not been able to provide for your missionaries, or accomplish what was designed in the Southern States. We have succeeded in awakening interests and expectations in the South, have assured our scattered people there of the good-will of this Synod towards them, and of your willingness to extend the Reformed Church in that direction.

During the year one of our Mission stations became self-supporting, namely, Altoona, Pa. The remaining Missions under the care of this Board, and the different Classes are as follows:

Directly under this Board	11	Missions,	appropriated,	$2,150
Maryland Classis,	5	"	"	1,500
Mercersburg Classis	2	"	"	300
Goshenhoppen "	2	"	"	800
E. Susquehanna "	3	"	"	350
Zion's "	2	"	"	600
Lancaster "	2	"	"	650
W. Susquehanna "	1	"	"	100
Virginia "	2	"	"	200
Total Missions,	30	Total,		$6,650

New York, East Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and North Carolina have no missions under their immediate care, according to the statistics of their Stated Clerks. The whole amount received by us for those under the Board and Classical Committees was $1,155.69, and paid out $1,207.28, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of $51,59.

The spirit of true missionary zeal, it would seem, has departed from among us until it has reached its farthest ebb, and our prayer now is, that the Lord will revive this good work again in our hearts, and that soon we may be gladdened with the knowledge of a renewed flood of liberality and missionary zeal, that shall surpass anything we have yet experienced. No Church can prosper long, if devoid of a missionary spirit. Missionary efforts are the pulses that tell of the life and vigor of the Church. May the words of the Divine Master in the beginning, "Go preach my Gospel," break this death spell that is on us, and may an actual resurrection to a new life, take place among us during the meeting of this Synod! The field is vast, the calls are many, the harvest is ripe, therefore, let us devoutly pray, not only for more laborers, but that the Lord will put it in the hearts of the people to allow their alms to go up, as did the alms of Cornelius, with their prayers before the Lord, for the extension of His Kingdom in the world.

We do not regret the time or labor bestowed in the Master's service in obedience to your call, though it was a trying position; and all we now ask, is, to be relieved from our office, and that others be appointed to take our place for the ensuing year, and we shall be truly thankful. Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER,
President of Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Home Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Wm. A. Wilt, Treasurer.

1872.		CR.	
Jan. 27th,	By Cash	per Rev. E. R. Eschbach, Missionary Superintendent of Maryland Classis, from Sixth Ref. Church, Baltimore, Rev. H. L. Grandlienard.....	$25.00
"	"	From First Ref. Church, Baltimore, Rev. E. R. Eschbach.....	48.65
Feb. 28th,	"	Per Henry Wirt, Esq., Interest on Gerhart's Legacy	9.94
May 21st,	"	Per Rev. J. Beck, E. Pennsylvania Classis.....	38 92
May 22d,	"	Per Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer of Susquehanna Classis as follows:	
	"	From White Deer Charge, Rev. W. W. Clouser.....	18.65
	"	From Boalsburg Charge, Rev. W. H. Grob.....	22.22
	"	From Selinsgrove Charge, Rev W. A. Haas.....	15.00
May 22d	"	From Rev. Stephen K. Kremer, Martinsburg, W.Va.	54.83
June 14th,	"	Per Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Financial Superintendent of Home Missions of Mercersburg Classis, as follows:	
	"	From Bedford Charge.....	40.00
		Carried over,	$273,21

1872.		Amount brought forward,	$2
June 14th,	By Cash	From Schellsburg Charge.....	
"	"	From Mercersburg Charge.....	
"	"	From Bloody Run Charge.....	
"	"	From Loudon Charge.....	
"	"	From Elder David Aurandt.....	
"	"	Per Rev. H. L. Grandlienard, from the Fifth Ref. Church, Baltimore.....	
		Mr. and Mrs. Beisheim.....	
"	"	From First Ref. Church, Baltimore, Rev. E. R. Eschbach.....	
"	"	From Sixth Ref. Church, Baltimore.....	
July 12th,	"	From Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, Manchester Charge....	
		Per Rev. S. R. Fisher, as follows:	
Sept. 3d,	"	From Rev. S. M. K. Huber.....	
" 11th,	"	From Rev. A. C. Whitmer.....	
" 19th,	"	From Rev. E. O. Forney.....	
" 24th,	"	From Rev. W. K. Zieber, Hanover Charge.....	
" "	"	From A. Bonnet, Esq.,.....	
" "	"	From A. Bartholomew, Weisport Charge.....	
" 25th,	"	From Chas. Santee, Esq., Christ Ref. Church, Philadelphia.....	
" "	"	From Trinity Ref. Church and Sunday-school, York, Pa.....	
" "	"	The same as above for California Missions.....	
" "	"	Per Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., dividend of Spangler Legacy.....	
" "	"	From Rev. John G. Noss, St. John's Ref. Congregation, Philadelphia.....	
" 27th,	"	From Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Altoona, Pa.,.....	
" "	"	From Rev. A. F. Ziegler, for Iowa Classis.....	
Oct. 10th,	"	From Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., Trinity Ref. Sunday-school, York, Pa.....	
" "	"	From Israel Laucks, Esq., Treasurer Trinity Ref. Church, York, Pa.....	
		Monies to be expended in Zion's Classis.	
" "	"	Trinity Ref. Church, York.....	
" "	"	York German Charge.....	
" "	"	Paradise "	
" "	"	Dillsburg "	
" "	"	Hanover "	
" "	"	Emmanuel's "	
" "	"	Manheim "	
" "	"	Dallastown "	
" "	"	Trinity "	
" "	"	Heidelberg Cong., York, Pa.....	
" 14th,	"	From Rev. E. E. Heister, Hanover Charge.....	
" 17th,	"	Rev. J. O. Johnston, St. John's Church, Schuylkill Haven.....	
" "	"	From Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D.....	
" "	"	From Rev. A. H. Kremer, D. D.....	
Balance due Treasurer,.....			
			$1,

1872.		DR.	
Jan. 27th,	To Cash	Paid Rev. H. L. Grandlienard.....	
" "	"	" Record Books.....	
June 17th,	"	" Rev John G. Noss.....	
" "	"	" Rev. M. H. Sangree.....	
" "	"	" Rev. J. S. Shade.....	
		Carried forward,	$

DR.

1872.		Amount brought forward,	$238.65
ly 2d,	To Cash Paid	Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier..	50.00
g. 1st,	" "	Rev. M. L. Shuford	50.00
"	" "	Rev. H. L. Grandlienard	29.85
pt. 25th,	" "	Rev. A. Romig	50.00
" "	" "	Rev. J. G. Noss	65.00
t. 4th,	" "	Order Book for use of Board	3.35
" "	" "	Rev. A. Romich	75.00
" 5th,	" "	Rev. J. Gantenbein	50.00
" "	" "	Rev. M. L. Shuford	50.00
" "	" "	Rev. M. Krueger, California Missions	50.00
" "	" "	Rev. Jno. G. Noss	50.00
" "	" "	Iowa Classis	25.00
" "	" "	Rev. Wm. F. Colliflower	66.66
" "	" "	Rev. H. Wissler	100.00
t. 17th,	Balance on hand for Missions in Zion's Classis		93.34
" "	" " "	California Missions	50.00
" "	Cash paid expenses	Dr. S. R. Fisher	15.00
" "	" " "	Dr. A. H. Kremer	1.22
	Expenses of Executive Committee		94.21
			$1.207.28

We hereby certify, that we have examined the foregoing account by the vouchers, and find it correct, showing a balance in favor of the Treasurer of Fifty-one Dollars and Fifty-nine cents.

SAML. R. FISHER,
A. H. KREMER.

SUPPLEMENT.

1872. CR.

Oct. 2d. By Cash Received from Goshenhoppen Classis $677.48, as the amount to be used for Home Missionaries in said Classis.

1872. DR.

Oct. 2d, To amount paid to Treasurer of Goshenhoppen Classis, $677.48 for their Home Missionaries.

The following statements were received from the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, and the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund of said Board, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

The Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, respectfully reports the receipts from October 18, 1871, to October 18, 1872, the sum of three thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars and thirty-two cents ($3,448.32), and payments during the same time, three thousand five hundred and fifty-four dollars and thirty-eight cents ($3,554.38), leaving a balance due the Treasurer of one hundred and six dollars and six cents ($106.06).

In consequence of the formation of a Board of Home Missions, at the Synod of Pottstown, the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod passed a resolution, on the 18th of December last, transferring all the missions under its care to the boards of the district Synods, to take effect January 1, 1872.

Seventeen missions were transferred to the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

Four missions to the Board of the Synod of Ohio; and two missions to the Board of the North-Western Synod.

This course was deemed necessary by the General Board, in consequence of the several boards of Home Missions referred to, requiring the funds usually contributed by the Church for the object of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. SANTEE, *Treasurer.*

PHILA., OCT., 1872.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

The following contributions have been received by me and paid out during the last year, commencing Oct. 13, 1871, and ending Oct. 15, 1872, for Church Extension:

Received from different charges in Reformed Church		$2,872 54
Paid out in different amounts	$2,697 31	
Oct. 13, 1871, balance due Treasurer	1,310 89	
Total	$4,008 20	
Oct 15, 1872, Balance due Treasurer		$1,135 66
Total		$4,008 20

GEO. GELBACH,

Treasurer Church Extension, Reformed Church, U. S.

PHILA, OCT. 17, 1872.

P. S.—The amount due Treasurer is as follows:

Advanced to Chicago Church by my predecessor in office	$1,000 00
Advanced to Egg Harbor by myself during my term	135 66
Total	$1,135 66

On the afternoon of the third day of the sessions, the Rev. Joshua Riale, of the English Classis of Iowa, by permission of Synod presented the following paper from that Classis, and accompanied it with some remarks in relation to the missionary operations of that Classis:

At the annual meeting of Iowa Classis, held at Boulder, Iowa, commencing September 26, 1872, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That an agent be appointed to visit the Eastern Synod and Church, and obtain assistance for our missionary work in the West, as well as our other efforts in Church Extension.

Rev. J. Riale was elected agent in accordance with the above action.

At the adjourned meeting of Iowa Classis, held at Blairstown, Iowa, Oct. 1, 1872, the following action was taken:

Whereas, Additional missionaries have been employed, and still

others must be employed, to take charge of points presenting themselves, and thus largely increasing our expenses; and

Whereas, This Classis has elected Rev. J. Riale, agent to canvass the Eastern Synod, and solicit aid in carrying on our missionary work; and

Whereas, He expects to attend the sessions of that body, at its ensuing meeting in Martinsburg, West Virginia; therefore,

Resolved, That this Classis earnestly appeals to that body, through its agent, the Rev. J. Riale, for a definite amount of missionary aid, to be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually, as may be most convenient.

I certify that the above is a correct transcript from the Minutes of Iowa Classis (English).

D. S. FOUSE, *Stated Clerk.*

The paper was received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing documents were referred, submitted their report It was received, taken up item by item, and, after some amendment, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report, that the following communications were placed in their hands:

The financial reports of the Treasurers of the Boards of Home Missions and of Church Extension of the General Synod, the report of the Board of Home Missions of this Synod, and a request from the Classis of Iowa, for missionary assistance.

The reports of the Treasurers of the Church Extension and Home Mission Boards respectively show, that the former received $2.872.54 during the year, and that $1.135.66 are still due the Treasurer; and that the latter received $3,448.32 during the same time, and that a balance of $106.06 remains due its Treasurer. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions also states, that seventeen missions, which had been under its care, were transferred on the 1st of January last to the auxiliary Board of this Synod.

The report of the Board of this Synod shows, that it has now under its care, directly and otherwise, thirty missions, having appropriated to them $6,650.00. Of this appropriation, $1,833.17 have been received, and $1,804.76 have been paid out, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of $51.59, and an amount of $4,816.83 still necessary to pay the appropriations, which will be due by the time the Classes meet in annual session next spring.

From the above statement it will be seen, that, during the year there has been raised in the Church at large, for Missions and Church Extension, so far as reported, the sum of $8,154.03, which is an average contribution of about ten cents from every communicant member connected with this Synod. It is scarcely necessary to say, that this exhibit is not creditable to our Church, and that it clearly shows that we have not done what we should have done for this cause. The many other objects which have claimed the attention of the Church

during the year, such as the endowment of our Literary and Theological Institutions, have no doubt in part contributed to this result. It is probable, however, that it is also due in part to the form in which the work is carried forward. By this we mean no reflection on the respective Boards of the Church; for there is abundant evidence, that they have done all that under the present form of organization they could do.

What is necessary, in the opinion of your Committee, is, that the work of Missions should be more directly carried forward by the Classes of the respective Synods, and we are happy to say, that the Board of this Synod has endeavored, so far as it was possible, to do this. In this way alone, we believe, can the heart of the Church be most readily reached, and consequently increased contributions obtained. The following action is, therefore, recommended:

Resolved, That this Syn d request the General Synod to take such action as will place the work of Missions more directly into the hands of the Classes.

To meet the wants of the Mission fields of this Synod in the meanwhile, we would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the present Board of Home Missions of this Synod be continued for another year.

Resolved, That the Classes of this Synod, and the pastors belonging to them especially, be urged to present earnestly the cause of Missions to the members of the Church, and endeavor to obtain as large contributions for Missionary purposes as possible.

With reference to the request of the Classis of Iowa, we would suggest the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions of this Synod be and hereby is instructed to appropriate all contributions for Missions coming into their hands, over and above what are necessary to pay the appropriations to the Missions now under their care, and not otherwise specially designated, to the cause of Missions within the bounds of Iowa and Virginia Classes.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. TITZEL,
J. C. HENSELL,
J. C. HAUSER,
LOUIS MARKELL } Committee.

According to arrangements made by the Committee on Religious Exercises, the evening of the sixth day of the sessions was appropriated to the subject of Missions. A session of Synod was accordingly held for the purpose on that evening. The services were opened with prayer by the President of Synod. The annual report of the Board of Missions was read. The audience was then addressed successively, under the direction of the President of the Board of Missions, by the Rev. Dr. Elnathan E. Higbee, L. Kryder Evans, Joshua Risle, John G. Wolff, Samuel N. Callender, Joseph H. Dubbs, Dr. Amos H. Kremer, Dr. Moses Kieffer, and George H. Johnston. The

President of the Board of Missions reported to the Synod, at the close of the exercises, that $2,277 had been obtained during the evening, in pledges and immediate contributions, in aid of the cause of Missions. The audience was dismissed with the Gloria Patri, doxology, and benediction by the Rev. Dr. Jacob O. Miller.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their annual report, accompanied with the annual report of the Treasurer of Synod, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

Your Board beg leave to offer the following report:

The following members constitute the Board:

Rev. C. H. Leinbach,	whose term	will expire	Jan. 1, 1873.
Elder Henry Wirt,	"	"	Jan. 1, 1874.
Rev. W. H. H. Snyder,	"	"	Jan. 1, 1875.
Elder Wm. H. Seibert,	"	"	Jan. 1, 1876.
Elder J. J. Nissley,	"	"	Jan. 1, 1877.

As the term of one of the members will expire on the 1st day of January, 1873, it devolves upon Synod to elect another in his stead. The names of Rev. Samuel Kuhn, Hummelstown, Pa., and Rev. John Ault, Mechanicsburg, Pa., are recommended as suitable candidates for the office of Trustee.

The Board held two meetings during the year. The Treasurer's report not being handed in, the Board would refer your reverend body to that report for an account of the financial condition of the Synod. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. H. SNYDER, *President, pro tem.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Henry Wirt, Treasurer, in account with Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

DR.

Seminary and Mission Fund Account.

1872. February	26. Six months' interest on "Cook Legacy"	$ 38.67
"	26. Eighteen months' interest on "Gerhart Donation"	29.82
May	2. Six months' " " "Kieffer Fund"	285.00
October	10. " " " " " "	285.00
"	12. " " " " "Cook Legacy"	28.00
		$ 666.49

CR.

1872. February	28. By cash to R. F. Kelker, Esq., interest on Gerhart Donation, Foreign Missions	$ 9.94
"	28. Rev. Dr. Fisher, Treasurer, interest on Gerhart Donation for Beneficiary Education	9.94
February	28. W. A. Wilt, Esq., Treasurer, interest on Gerhart Donation, Home Missions	9.94
	Carried over,	$ 29.82

CR.

1872.		Amount brought forward,	$ 29.[illegible]
May	3.	A. B. Wingerd, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary, six months' interest on Kieffer and Cook funds	323.[illegible]
October	12.	A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer Theological Seminary, six months' interest on Kieffer and Cook funds	313.[illegible]
			$666.[illegible]

Contingent Fund Account.

DR.

1872.		To balance from last year	$ 499.[illegible]
March	5.	Proceeds of note for money borrowed of Hanover Savings Fund Society	293.[illegible]
April	29.	Goshenhoppen Classis, pr D. B. Mauger, Treasurer	100.[illegible]
May	2.	Virginia " Rev. H. St. John Rinker, Treas.	30.[illegible]
"	26.	West Susquehanna Classis, pr Rev. U. H. Heilman, "	70.[illegible]
"	27.	Zion's " W. A. Wilt, "	120.[illegible]
June	5.	North Carolina " Rev. G. W. Welker, "	25.[illegible]
"	6.	Lancaster " " A. H. Kremer, "	100.[illegible]
"	19.	Mercersburg " " W. M. Deatrick, "	120.[illegible]
"	19.	Maryland " " S. S. Miller, "	120.[illegible]
"	29.	Philadelphia " " J. Dahlman, Jr., "	120.[illegible]
October	1.	Goshenhoppen " D. B. Mauger, "	120.[illegible]
"	2.	Lebanon " Rev. A. S. Leinbach, "	121.[illegible]
"	10.	East Pennsylvania " " John Beck, "	121.80
"	12.	One year's interest on Northern Central Railway bond	60.00
			$2,022.17

CR.

1872.			
March	5.	By cash, J. B. Rodgers Co., printing English and German Minutes of Synod	562.76
"	5.	" Rev. Dr. Fisher, salary as Stated Clerk	75.00
"	5.	" " " for expenses, in expediting and postage on advanced copies of Minutes, and traveling expenses	42.50
June	29.	Note paid Hanover Saving Fund Society	300.00
September	28.	" " Rev. M. Bachman, German Clerk of Synod, and traveling expenses	57.00
		Balance in Treasury	984.91
			$2,022.17

Classes in arrears on Contingent Fund Assessments.

East Susquehanna Classis	$ 100.00	
Interest	1.50	
		$ 101.50
Lancaster Classis	55.00	
Interest	4.40	
		59.40
New York Classis	20.00	
Interest	30	
		20.30
Goshenhoppen Classis interest		1.81
		$183.01

Investments held for Synod by the Treasurer, Oct. 12, 1872.

"Cook Legacy," $1,200 U. S. 10-40 bonds.

"Kieffer Fund," $9,500 loaned on bond and mortgage to Jacob Heyser, and estate of Wm. Heyser, deceased.

"Gerhart Donation," $300 U. S. 5-20 bonds.

$1000 Northern Central Railway bond, due 1900, No. 24.

Respectfully submitted.

HANOVER, *October* 14, 1872. HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer*

Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which ived and adopted:

Committee on Finance respectfully report:

nly one document was referred to them, viz.: the Report of surer of Synod. From this report we learn:

That the interest of Synod's legacies has been collected erly disbursed.

hat in the account of the Contingent Fund, there is a balance of Synod of $984.91.

hat the sum of $183.01 is still due from the following delin- lasses: East Susquehanna, $101.50; Lancaster Classis, New York Classis, $20.30; Goshenhoppen, $1.81.

statement of the investments made of Synod's legacies and gifts.

Committee report, that they have carefully examined the r's account, and find the same correct.

Committee estimate the ex· enses for the current year includ- of General Synod at $800+1,000=$1,800.

this there is in the hands of the Treasurer.....	$984 91
delinquent Classes.....	183 01
Total.....	$1,167 92

et the expenses of Synod your Committee have made the assessments:

			New.		Old.
nsylvania	Classis	.....	$120 00		
	"	.....	120 00		
	"	.....	120 00		
l	"	.....	120 00		
hia	"	.....	120 00		
urg	"	.....	120 00		
ppen	"	.....	120 00	+	$1 81
r	"	.....	90 00	+	59 40
quehanna	"	.....	100 00	+	101 50
squehanna	"	.....	70 00		
	"	.....	30 00		
rolina	"	.....	25 00		
rk	"	.....	25 00	+	20 30
			$1,180 00	+	$183 01=$1,363 01

Respectfully submitted.

D. B. ALBRIGHT,
H. A. KEYSER,
F. H. SCHWARTZ,
EMANUEL KRONE,
VALENTINE WILT.
Committee.

ection was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of of Synod. The Rev. Nehemiah H. Skyles and William F.

P. Davis were appointed tellers, who received the ballots and coun them. The election resulted in the choice of the Rev. Sam Kuhn, of Hummelstown, Pa.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the following counts to the persons named:

Rev. Peter S. Davis, traveling expenses as delegate to the G eral Synod of the Reformed Church in America, $15.50.

Rev. Dr. Jacob O. Miller, Chairman of the Committee to con with the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, in regard to endowment of that institution, traveling expenses of the Committ $17.52.

Rev. Dr. Moses Kieffer, Chairman of the Committee to inaugur the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple as Professor of Church History Biblical Literature, in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, I traveling expenses of the Committee, $7.40.

Rev. Dr. Moses Kieffer, Chairman of the Committee appointed confer with the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows Ministers of the Reformed Church," in reference to the enlargem of its operations, traveling expenses of the Committee, $12.00.

It was further

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay to the Treasurer of the General Synod, the amount that may assessed upon it by that Synod for Contingent expenses, as soon a it is made as it shall be in his power to do so.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported an appeal by E David Dunn, from the resolution adopted by the Classis of Merc burg, requiring the congregations within her bounds to pay the tributions for Beneficiary Education to the students, for whose port the Classis has made itself responsible, and not permitting alienation of funds by the Consistories, until the obligations of Classis have been met. It was referred to a committee consistin the Rev. Israel S. Weisz, John P. Stein and William F. P. D and Elders William D. Rauch and Joseph Seibert, to exan whether the appeal be in order, and if found in order, to report manner in which it is to be taken up. This committee submitted following report, at the opening of the afternoon session of the day of the sessions, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the appeal of the Elde Dunn, of the Huntingdon charge, from the action of the Merc burg Classis, requiring the contributions for Beneficiary Educa

made by the congregations within her bounds, to be paid to the students for whose support Classis has made herself responsible, and no alienation of funds to be permitted by Consistories until our obligations have been met, beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have found the appeal in order, and would recommend:

1. That Synod proceed to the consideration of the appeal, immediately after the order of the day for this afternoon shall have been disposed of.

2. That one speech of thirty minutes in length be allowed to the appellant, and one of the same length of time to the appellee.

3. That Synod immediately thereafter decide the case without further discussion.

Respectfully submitted.
I. S. WEISZ,
W. F. P. DAVIS,
JOHN P. STEIN,
JOSEPH SEIBERT.
Committee.

At the time appointed, the appeal was taken up. The records and papers in the case were read. Elder David Dunn was heard through his counsel, the Rev. Henry W. Super, in support of the appeal. The Classis was heard in reply through the Rev Dr Elnathan E. Higbee. The Synod then proceeded to vote in the case, when it was decided that the appeal be not sustained.

Rev. Henry W. Super gave notice for himself that he would appeal from the decision just reached to the General Synod. The President decided that, inasmuch as he was not a party in the case, he had no right to appeal, and hence his notice of appeal was out of order. He then appealed from the decision of the Chair. The Chair, however, was unanimously sustained. He then gave notice that he would appeal from the decision of the Synod, sustaining the Chair.

Elder David Dunn gave notice of his purpose to carry up the case of his appeal to the General Synod, by way of complaint. .

The Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple and John Beck were appointed a Committee to represent this Synod before the General Synod, in the matters growing out of the appeal of Elder David Dunn.

The following paper was offered and adopted:

Whereas, It is manifest that many of our members know comparatively little of the Discipline, Government, and Educational and Missionary operations of our Church; and

Whereas, They are from time to time prejudiced by unprincipled and independent men, which is very detrimental to our discipline as well as to the benevolent operations of our Church; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod enjoins upon the several Classes to instruct their ministers to explain to their consistories and members the Discipline, Government, and Educational and Missionary operations of our Church.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication for the year ending September 30, 1872, was received, read and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows :

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the Board of Publication herewith submits its annual report.

The several quarterly meetings during the year were regularly held and fully attended. The business specially entrusted to the Board received proper attention, and it is gratifying to be able to add, that the results of the labors of the year are truly encouraging. A full and satisfactory statement of the operations and condition of the establishment, was submitted to the Board by the Treasurer and Manager, at its annual meeting on the 9th instant, which is open to the inspection of any who may desire to see it. From this statement the following brief summary is compiled :

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts from all sources	$38,945 97
Disbursements	38,211 04
Excess of Receipts	$734 93

SUMMARY OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities	$17,317 28
Assets	60,804 65
Excess of Assets	$43,487 37

CONDITION COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS YEAR.

Assets October, 1872	$60,804 65
Assets October, 1871	53,959 27
Increase of Assets	$6,845 38

Amount brought over,		$6.845,38
Liabilities October, 1871	$18.566 27	
Liabilities October, 1872	17,317 28	
Decrease of Liabilities		$ 1,248 99
Increased value		$ 8,094 87

Sixty two thousand seven hundred and fifty copies of books, pamphlets, including sixteen thousand English and eight thousand German Almanacs, &c., have been issued during the year.

A very encouraging addition has been made to the subscription list of the "Messenger." The number of subscribers is at present larger than it has been during any previous period of its existence, though it is far from being what it could easily be made to be by proper united exertions on the part of its friends, and what it ought to be, in order rightly to subserve the interests of the Church. There has not been much variation in the number of subscribers to the other publications, except the "Kirchenzeitung" and the "Child's Treasury."

The former does not seem to receive proper encouragement from the German portion of the Church, upon which it is dependent for its support, especially since the establishment of another similar publication under the authority of Synod, occupying, to a large extent, the same field. For a few years past, and especially during the past year, its publication has been a serious tax upon the Board That it should continue to be published, however, is necessary, not only as a medium of communication of the Board with an important portion of the Church, but also for the interests of the Church itself. Hence, the Synod should, if possible, devise some measures by which its circulation, as well as its field of usefulness, will be increased, and in this way, also, the expenses of its publication provided for.

The latter, the "Child's Treasury," as was anticipated, experienced a falling off of the subscription list, in consequence of the change from a monthly to a semi-monthly publication. It has, however, been gradually rallying from the check it thus received at first, and now gives evidence, that it will soon recover fully the circulation it had attained at any former period, if it does not extend beyond this. It is encouraging to add, that, notwithstanding the drawbacks incident to the change in the frequency of its issue, the receipts for the year have been sufficient to cover the expenses incurred.

The Board, as authorized by the Synod of Pottstown, Pa., resolved to continue Mr. J. G. S. Wittmann as editor of the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung," until January 1, 1873. As this time will soon expire, it will devolve upon the Synod to make provisions for editing the paper after that period.

The propositions from the Synod of Pittsburg, in regard to allowing it a representation in the corps of editorial contributors to the columns of the "Messenger" and "Kirchenzeitung," referred to the Board by the Synod, were duly considered, and after some correspon-

dence, an arrangement was effected by which that Synod is allowed two editorial contributors to the "Messenger" and one to the "Kirchenzeitung." As far as the knowledge of the Board extends, the arrangement has thus far proved mutually satisfactory.

The Board, after due consideration, respectfully declined to accede to the proposition from the North-western Synod on behalf of the "Deutsche Buch-verein," at Cleveland, Ohio, to exchange the subscription-list of the "Kirchenzeitung" for that of their German Sunday-school paper, referred to it by the Synod.

A new edition of the large hymn book which is printed from type, was issued during the past year. The translation of the "Order of Worship" into the German language by the committee of Synod having been completed and placed in the hands of the Board, the stereotyping of it was commenced and continued during the past summer. It now needs only the hymns proposed to be appended to it, to make it ready for the press. These last, it is hoped, the committee will be able to furnish at an early date, so that this long looked-for work will soon be given to the Church.

No new publications have been issued by the Board during the past year. This arises from the absence of funds especially appropriated to this object. The entire amount realized from the agency specially instituted for securing funds for the publication of books, up to this date, is only $4,693.09, and this has been considerably more than exhausted in the expenses of collection and the stereotyping of books already issued. From present prospects, also, there is little or no probability, that any considerable amount will yet be realized, on account of notes and subscriptions still in hand obtained in favor of this fund.

In view of the great importance to the Church, of a literature which can be regarded peculiarly its own, the Board had under consideration, at its last annual meeting, the subject of adopting some special measures looking to the carrying out of the original purpose of the Board and Synod in regard to this subject, and after a mutual interchange of views, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the special attention of the Synod at its approaching annual sessions be called to this subject, and that it be requested to devise some ways and means, by which the Board will be enabled speedily to meet the expectations originally cherished in regard to it, with reference to furnishing books adapted to the wants of the Church.

The term of service of Adam B. Wingerd, as a member of the Board, expires on the first of January next. The Board proposes as candidates, from whom to elect a member to fill the occurring vacancy, Adam B. Wingerd, Esq., of Greencastle, Pa, and William Heyser, Esq., of Chambersburg, Pa.

Respectfully submitted.
D. W. GROSS, *President.*

The following report was received from the committee to superin-

publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund," read and re-
the Committee on Publication:
Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United
be held at Martinsburg, West Virginia.

ND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Hausfreund" has passed through another year. In regard
committee has nothing essentially new to report. It lives,
om debt, performs its semi-monthly errands as before, and
in its proper sphere of labor, to co-operate in furthering the
of our Reformed Zion.
two thousand five hundred subscribers. It should, however,
ce as many. It has $1,000 due on its books, and at present,
ing all its liabilities, about $250 in the Treasury, which, at
mendation of the editor, has been ordered to be paid over to
urch Extension Fund."

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. HELFFRICH,
CHAS. H. LEINBACH, } Committee.
P. S. FISHER,

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mittee on Publication, to whom the foregoing documents
ed, submitted their report, which was received and adopted,
ion, and is as follows:

mittee on Publication respectfully beg leave to report as

pers placed in our hands are the report of the Board of Pub
and the report of the committee having under its supervision
ation of the "Hausfreund." From the report of the
Publication we learn, that the publication operations of the
have been carried forward during the past year with pleas
ing results. The issues [illegible] compared with the
mber, 1871, show an increase of nearly [illegible]
he liabilities of [illegible] compared with the [illegible]
crease of $1,250, the whole being an [illegible]
n $6,000. It appears from the report, that the "Hausfreund"
does not receive proper [illegible] from [illegible]
e Church, yet its publication [illegible]
it has proved, especially during the past year, a [illegible]
ard. The Board [illegible] measures by which the [illegible]
We learn further [illegible]
resent editor of the [illegible]
d a request is made [illegible]
r after that period.
Committee recommend [illegible] Board of Publication [illegible]
and empowered to [illegible]
h next annual Synod.

In accordance with the request of the Synod, the Board has entered into an arrangement with the Synod of Pittsburg to allow it a representation in the corps of the editorial contributors to the columns of the "Messenger" and "Kirchenzeitung," and the arrangement has thus far proved mutually satisfactory.

Owing to the lack of the necessary funds, no new books have been issued during the past year. The Board, at its last annual meeting, adopted the following resolution on the subject of Church literature:

"*Resolved*, That the special attention of the Synod, at its approaching annual sessions be called to this subject, and that it be requested to devise some ways and means, by which the Board will be enabled speedily to meet the expectations originally cherished in regard to it with reference to furnishing books adapted to the wants of the Church."

We would recommend the following action with reference to this subject:

Resolved, That the Classes of this Synod be requested to inaugurate measures for procuring a greater amount of funds for the publication of such books as may be required in the dissemination of a suitable Church literature.

The Board reports, that the term of service of Adam B. Wingerd expires on the 1st day of January next, (1873) and proposes as candidates—from whom to elect a member to fill the occurring vacancy—Adam B. Wingerd, Esq., of Greencastle, and William Heyser, Esq., of Chambersburg, Pa.

The second document placed in our hands is a report from the committee to superintend the publication of the "Hausfreund." There was realized from its publication the sum of $250, over and above expenses, which was generously devoted to the benevolent operations of the Church.

In this connection, your Committee would offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be authorized to effect a union of the 'Kirchenzeitung' and the Reformirte 'Hausfreund,' if it can be done, on terms mutually satisfactory to the parties interested."

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. GAST,
J. P. STEIN,
J. M. TITZEL,
D. C. HAMMOND,
A. G. RENINGER,
O. L. SCHREIBER. } Committee.

In this connection, it was

Resolved, That the several Classes be requested to take measures to increase the subscription of the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung," and "Reformirte Hausfreund."

The Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler, who had been appointed by the Synod of Pottstown, Pa., the record of which, however, was inadvertently

omitted in the Minutes, to edit the publication of the third volume of The Fathers of the Reformed Church, from the manuscript of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

MONT ALTO, PENNA., Oct. 16th, 1872.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

In accordance with a resolution of Synod, passed at its last annual meeting in Pottstown, Pa., I have completed and prepared for the press the third volume of Dr. Harbaugh's "FATHERS OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN EUROPE AND AMERICA." The volume is already stereotyped, printed and bound, and ready for distribution.

Having, in the course of my researches, found a large amount of interesting and unused material, I concluded to prepare an additional volume, bringing down the history of our deceased ministers, complete, to the present time—1872. This last or fourth volume is now being stereotyped, and will soon be completed and published, as a *work of charity*, for the sole use and benefit of the WIDOWS AND ORPHANS of our sainted ministers, the "copy-right" being secured and held in trust for the "WIDOWS' FUND SOCIETY." Both volumes were early completed, and would have been out by the first of July already, had it not been for some mismanagement and delay on the part of the publisher. The whole work, however, will soon be ready for distribution—including a new edition of the second volume, which had been exhausted.

Hoping that this "labor of love," designed to perpetuate the memory of our sainted fathers and brethren in the ministry, may prove satisfactory to the Church, and the funds realized from its publication and sale may serve, in some measure, to relieve the sufferings of the worthy poor—the members of Christ's flock—and thanking you sincerely for appointing me to this *blessed* work,

I remain yours, very truly,

D. Y. HEISLER.

P. S.—I deem it proper to transmit to Synod the above statement, in the way of report, inasmuch as the Stated Clerk had, in some way, omitted to make any reference whatever to my appointment in the Minutes of last year; and yet the matter had to be stated in the Preface to the third volume of the work, in order to show by what authority it was published.

D. Y. H.

No report was received from the Faculty of the Theological Seminary in reference to the purchase of books from the Library of the late Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, or the completion of his Lectures on the Heidelberg Catechism, which duty had been assigned them by the Synod at its last annual *sessions.*

The committee appointed to prepare a collection of hymns to be published in connection with the "Order of Worship," as authorized by the General Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopled, and the committee continued:

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church, &c., in session at Martinsburg, W. Va:

DEAR BRETHREN:

Your committee, appointed to secure a suitable collection of hymns to be published in connection with the "Order of Worship," have instructed me to submit the following report, to wit:

The committee convened, with a quorum present, and settled upon their plan, and divided the labor among themselves by organizing two sub-committees, who are now engaged in the labor assigned them. The committee hope to be able to complete their work before the next annual sessions of the Synod. They are now able to report progress only, and request to be continued.

Respectfully submitted.

E E. HIGBEE, *Chairman.*

The committee to whom had been assigned the duty of preparing and publishing an edition of the "Order of Worship" in the German language, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on the German Liturgy would respectfully report,

That the manuscript of the Order of Worship, translated by the Rev. C. Bank and revised by your committee, has been placed in the hands of the publishers, the whole is stereotyped, with the exception of the hymns, and that the work will shortly appear. Your committee trusts, that the difficult task of rendering the Order of Worship into good, plain and fluent German, while true to the sense and spirit of the original, has been successfully accomplished, and would recommend its use in all our German families and churches.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL MILLER, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Charles H. Leinbach was added to the committee, and the committee, thus enlarged, continued.

No report was received from the committee to procure a house for the use of the Publication Board. The committee was dissolved, and the matter entrusted to it referred to the Board of Publication.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have seventeen hundred copies of the Minutes of the present sessions, duly authenticated, published in the English language, and five hundred copies in the German language, and distribute them amongst those entitled to receive them.

The Synod proceeded to elect a member to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Publication on the first of January next. The Rev. Jacob Baltimore, Jr., and Kasper Brunner were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and furnished the President with the result. The election resulted in the choice of Adam B. Wingerd, of Greencastle, Pa.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The committee appointed to attend to the interests of this Synod in certain appeal cases, carried up to the General Synod, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Sass, Samuel N. Callender, and Dr. Thomas G. [illegible], was continued.

The Synod, in acting on the item contained in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, reporting the dismission of the Rev. Samuel H. Gerry, to the Protestant Episcopal Church, as an irregularity, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the item be adopted; but, at the same time, in the spirit of true sentiment, the Synod does not intend to reflect on the Episcopal Church.

In this connection, as it appeared that the brethren of the Classis of Maryland were misled in the dismission of the Rev. Samuel H. Gerry to the Protestant Episcopal Church, by certain language contained in the preamble and resolutions adopted by the Synod of Pennsylvania, in relation to the cases of George D. Wolff, and John S. Rosenmiller, a motion was made and carried for the reconsideration of the action adopting the preamble and resolutions referred to. It was then

Resolved, That the second paragraph in the preamble which reads, "Whereas, this step has been taken by said ministers without formally withdrawing from this Synod, or asking that their relations to it be dissolved," and the words in the first resolution, "In view of the levity and contempt cast upon its dignity and authority," be stricken out, and the preamble and resolutions, as thus amended, be adopted.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported two requests from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, in reference to the establishment and [illegible] of the Protestant Lutheran Institute in the County of Philadelphia, being a [illegible] of Theology under the care of the Classis of East Pennsylvania. These requests were referred to a committee, consisting of the Revs. Albert J. Fisher, George E. Hillman, Joseph F. Smith, and William W. Lyon, D. Zeigler and Joshua Stover. This committee submitted the following report, which was received, and adopted:

The committee, to whom was referred the request of the East Pennsylvania Classis, on the case of Mr. Francis G. Lindemann, with the request of said Classis on this Synod to support it in the long term of [illegible]

That, having come to a full understanding of the facts in the case culminating in the licensure of Mr. Lindaman, by the Philadelphia Classis, the said Mr. Lindaman being at the same time under the care of East Pennsylvania Classis, therefore your committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Philadelphia Classis acted irregularly in licensing Mr. F. S. Lindaman, thereby violating the 3d article of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. KREMER,
J. W. SANTEE,
GEO. E. ADDAMS,
JOSHUA MOTTER,
W. D. RAUCH.
Committee.

A request was reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, asking Synod to make the Schuylkill River from Port Clinton to Shoemakerville the boundary line between it and the Classis of Lebanon. This request was referred to the Classes of East Pennsylvania and Lebanon, with instructions to endeavor to adjust the difficulty in regard to the boundary line among themselves.

The Classes of Lebanon, Philadelphia and New York, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to grant the Classes, which include German ministers and congregations, permission to organize a German Classis or Classes, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, after the General Synod shall have declared the amendment of the Constitution, providing for the organization of such Classes, to have been constitutionally adopted. The request was granted. The following additional action was taken:

Resolved, That in case the way be open, as indicated in the above request, the German brethren of the Classis of Philadelphia be authorized to meet in Zion's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, on the second Tuesday in January, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of organizing, at which meeting the Rev. Nicholas Gehr shall preside, the name of the Classis to be designated by themselves.

Resolved, That the German brethren of the Classis of Maryland be authorized to organize a German Classis in a constitutional way, the said brethren to meet in the St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, Md., for the purpose of organizing, on such day as they may mutually agree upon, at which meeting the Rev. Marcus Bachman shall preside.

The Classes of Lebanon, Philadelphia and New York, also requested Synod to grant the German Classes thus organized permission to form themselves into a German Synod, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. It was

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested to take measures to carry the wishes of these Classes into effect, in case the way for doing so be open.

The Classes of Mercersburg, Zion, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to take measures to have them organized into a District Synod. It was

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested to organize the Classes of Mercersburg, Zion, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, into a District Synod, as desired by the said Classes.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to appoint a committee to make a boundary line between the Classes of Goshenhoppen and Philadelphia, the said committee to consist of one member, from each of the Classes interested, and one or more from an adjacent Classis. The request was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, John W. Lescher, and John Beck, and Elders, Joseph Laubach and David C. Hammond. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the request of Goshenhoppen Classis, touching the boundary-line between said Classis and Philadelphia Classis, would beg leave to report,

That they find the request in order; and would recommend to Synod the appointment of Dr. S. R. Fisher, of Philadelphia Classis, Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, of Goshenhoppen Classis and the Rev. Chas. F. McCauley, D. D., of Lebanon Classis, as commissioners, who shall visit the territory in question, and define the boundary line between said Classes; and that their decision be final, provided it be consented to by both the Classes interested.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. WAGNER,
J. W. LESCHER,
JOHN BECK,
JOSEPH LAUBACH,
D. C. HAMMOND.
} Committee.

The following paper was submitted to Synod, and after considerable discussion, adopted:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Reformed Church declares the office of Teacher of Theology to be a distinct office,

And *whereas*, according to the same organic law, the Synod alone has the power to establish and govern a Theological Seminary, and appoint Professors or Teachers of Theology,

And *whereas* no Minister has the right to assume the office of Teacher of Theology, unless he has been chosen by a majority of the votes of the Synod, and has been duly inaugurated by taking the prescribed oath of office,

And *whereas*, Teachers of Theology are required to prescribe a

course of study for the students, and conduct all their instruction under the direction and supervision of a Board of Visitors, appointed by the Synod,

And *whereas*, according to public announcement, the Rev. J. A Bomberger, D. D., a member of the Philadelphia Classis, and President of Ursinus College, a chartered literary institution, along with others, conducting a Theological class or school, and preparing men for the Ministry of the Gospel, by giving these professedly a full course of Theological instruction, although he has not been appointed to the office of Teacher of Theology, and has never been inaugurated agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution. Therefore *Resolved*:

1. That the conduct of the said member of Philadelphia Classis in assuming the office of Teacher of Theology, and in giving Theological instruction independently of any proper ecclesiastical supervision and direction, is contrary to the Constitution and government of the Reformed Church, and therefore disorderly.

2. That this Synod hereby enjoins upon the aforesaid minister of the Philadelphia Classis forthwith to desist from this disorder.

3. That a committee of three be appointed to communicate an official copy of this action to the Rev. Dr. Bomberger, and in case he does not respect this injunction, it shall be their duty, and they are hereby directed to institute such constitutional proceedings as shall be necessary to maintain the order of the Church.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel R Fisher, John M. Titzel and Elder Daniel W. Gross, were appointed the committee called for in the above action.

The Rev. Henry W. Super gave notice, that he would appeal from the action just taken, to the General Synod. The President ruled his appeal out of order, in as much as, in its present stage, the action had not assumed a judicial form, and he, moreover, was not a party to the case; he had, however, the right to complain. He then announced, that he would appeal from this decision of the President to the General Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod reaffirm the action of the Synod of 1820, declaring that no minister of this Synod, shall be permitted to give instruction to young men, looking forward to the ministry, in theological studies, without the permission of Synod.

No report was received from the committee appointed to attend to the interests of Synod, in certain Church property in the city of Washington. It was

Resolved, That this whole subject be referred to the Classis of Maryland.

The committee appointed by Synod, at its annual sessions at Mechanicsburg, and continued at its annual sessions at Pottstown, Pa., to propose a plan for the support of disabled ministers, and also to confer with the 'Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of

Ministers of the Reformed Church," submitted the following report, which was received, and after considerable discussion, adopted.

The committee appointed by the Synod at Mechanicsburg, to propose a plan for the support of disabled ministers, who were also instructed by the Pottstown Synod, to confer with the officers of the Society already organized for the relief of ministers and their widows, respectfully report as follows:

Your committee have met the officers of the Society aforesaid, at Womelsdorf, and at Lancaster, and have had a free and full interchange of views with them on the subject in hand.

The charter of the pre-ent society, it is ascertained, could be so modified as to admit of a two-fold mode of operation, the one on the principle of charity and the other on that of mutual benefit. Whether such modification of that charter and such two-fold mode of operation, would not involve complications and difficulties, that the organization of a separate and distinct society for the mutual relief of ministers would avoid, your committee have not been able to determine.

1. It is obvious first of all, that, in case a number of ministerial brethren enter into an agreement, for their mutual relief in time of need, they should have the sole control of their own funds, and be perfectly free to operate in such way as to them may seem best. If such freedom can be secured to them under any existing charter, there can certainly be no objection.

2. It is obvious, in the second place, that there is something more needed in our Church, for the support of her disabled ministers, than a society for the collection and distribution of charities. That is all well in its place. But ministers generally, are unwilling to become objects of charity.

3. To avoid, as far as possible, any such necessity, your committee recommend the principle of mutual benefit, on the ground of right. This principle has come to be so well understood in other departments of life, as to need no explanation. It may be carried out also in such free way, so as to reach its end in every case without fail. Suppose, for instance, that the aggregate of ministerial disability be eight per cent., which is higher than the facts warrant, one hundred ministers, organized into a society for their mutual benefit, can, by paying each annually $10.00, pay to the disabled each $125.00 yearly. Twenty dollars paid in by each one, will secure $250.00 to the disabled. Forty dollars, $500.00.

This is the general plan, that your committee would cordially recommend for adoption, leaving the particular mode of carrying it out to those, who may become interested in it.

It will be found to have the following advantages:

1. Ministerial brethren, who belong to a brotherhood of this kind, will not feel, that they are objects of charity, in case they become disabled, because they will receive their annual income as the result of contract, just as in the case of fire or life insurance.

2. It does away with the distinction of rich and poor. The disabled brother, who may have his thousands, has just as good a right to his yearly income, in proportion to the amount he pays into the society,

our people are generally disposed to assist this cause if an opportunity be presented.

Eight widows of deceased ministers have received aid, which has been thankfully received and duly appreciated. During the coming year provision has been made to assist nine widows and two disabled ministers.

THEODORE APPEL, *Treasurer.*

It was

Resolved, That in compliance with the suggestion contained in the above statement, it be again recommended to all our congregations to lift one collection in the month of June, so far as possible, in aid of said Society.

A request from the Classis of Philadelphia in relation to enlarging and rendering more liberal the operations of the Society, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was referred to the attention of the Society.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastor and members of the Reformed Church of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and other citizens of the place and vicinity, for the kind hospitality extended to its members during its present sessions, and that the *pastor loci* be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit and have it published in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Baltimore and Ohio, Cumberland Valley, Philadelphia and Reading, Northern Central, Broad Top and Huntingdon, and Frederick and Pennsylvania Line Railroads, for permitting its members to pass over their respective roads at reduced fare.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be returned to the Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier for his kind offices in reporting the proceedings of this Synod for the "American" and "Gazette," of Baltimore.

The roll was called and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet again in annual sessions in the Reformed Church, at Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., on Wednesday, the 15th day of October, A.D., 1873, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribns.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Gring,		Superannuated,													Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg,	1450					1300				12	1200		Reading, Berks do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	5	Schwartzwald, &c.,	850		210	122		750			86	5	500	$162 59	Reading, do do
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	900	700	78	38	12	570		12	30	1	363	633 87	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	2	Schuylkill Haven,	700	350	68	11	6	450	2	2	32	4	250	117 39	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	4	Annville,	420	250	19	14	1	320		3	15	4	200	279 00	Annville, Lebanon do
Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	1	Second Ch., Reading,	350		38	24	1	275			17	1	265	1385 66	Reading, Berks do
Samuel Miller,	2	First Ch., Pottsville,	275	180	20	20		235			10	2	165		Pottsville, Schuylkill do
T. Calvin Leinbach,	5	Bernville,	1400	800	112	79		1131			48	15	1000	300 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff,	3	Myerstown,	853	570	46	47	20	720		16	13	1	240	494 94	Myerstown, Lebanon do
Benj. Bausman, D. D.,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1500		111	74	34	1050		48	62	1	600	2678 00	Reading, Berks, do
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,	168	70	20	15		130		3	5	1	150	669 00	Lebanon, Lehigh do
Charles H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken,	1160	700	62	46	12	1025		10	44	5	300	482 00	Stouchsburg, Berks do
John P. Stein,	1	Trinity Ch., Pottsville,	87	36	14	15	13	85		2	6	1	100	60 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Eli E. Heister,	3	Hanover,	288	175	21	7		160			6	3	100	59 00	Grantville, Dauphin do
Daniel B. Albright,	1	Orphans' Home,	25	80				25		6	1	1	95	170 00	Womelsdorf, do
William M. Reily,	1	Jonestown,	150	100	17			100			13	1	85	75 00	Jonestown, Lebanon do
Isaac E. Graeff,	2	Trin'y Ch., Tamaqua,	170	172	18	4	10	195			8	2	140	476 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Jno. O. Johnson,	1	St. John's, Sch. Haven,	177	165	28	12	4	121		1	4	1	213	583 65	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lk'l. do
Henry A. Keyser,	1	St. Paul's, Mahonoy,	310	290	35	25	16	290			11	1	222	620 00	Mahonoy, Schuylkill do
C. H. Mutschler,	6	Fredericksburg,	620	290	60	39	7	478		4	12			137 00	Jonestown, do
Frederick W. Dechant,	1	Em'l. Ch., Minersville,	102	90	25	20		95			5	1	90	11 00	Reading, Berks do
Jas. A. Schultz,	3	Shaefferstown,	450	300	51	35		245		4	9		200	79 12	Shaefferstown, Lebanon do
Wm. F. P. Davis,	6	Sinking Spring,	1547					1400							Reading, Berks do
Christian Kessler,	1	St. John's,	150		6	30	150	134		2	1	2	400	31 28	Reading, do do
Henry Leisse,	4	Orwigsburg,	300					130							Orwigsburg, do
Vacant,	4	Pine Grove,	800					600							
do	2	St. Clair charge,	140	80				100			9	2	90		
Mission Schools.		Reading,										5	500		
	1	Shoemakersville,	110		10	20		105			2	1	35	21 00	Supplied by Rev. P. P. A. Hoffman,
Total, 30.	77		15452	5398	1099	697	286	12219	2	113	449	73	7503	$9,525 50	

Without charge —Rev. Wm. A. Good, Reading, Pa.; Rev. John A. Leiss, Wernersville; Herman Bokum, Atlanta, Georgia.

Licentiate H. R. Nicks, Pres. of Palatinate College, Meyerstown, Pa.

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Daniel Ziegler,	3	York (German),	685	280	54	35	21	375			25	4	250	$130 00	York, York County, Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	3	Manheim,	380	156	32	14	6	360			11	6	250	135 24	Hanover, York do
F. W. Vandersloot,	3	Mt. Pleasant,	300	150	53	17		265			30	4	150		York, York do
Daniel Riegel,	2	Dillsburg,	250		15			210			14	2		24 00	Dillsburg, York do
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Paradise,	600	510	48	30		575			32	8	340	255 40	York, York do
David Bossler,		Without charge,													York, York do
Jacob O. Miller,	1	Trinity Church,	320	317	31	17	14	280		5	9	3	410	493 00	York, York do
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsbury,	455	275	49	14		416			20	8	300	90 00	Shrewsbury, York do
William K. Zieber,	1	Hanover,	285	250	21	1	12	256		5	9	1	180	1545 68	Hanover, York do
John Ault,	2	Mechanicsburg,	315	195	33	39	10	300	2	7	10	2	150	152 00	Mechanicsburg, Cmberl'd do
W. R. H. Deatrich,	2	Gettysburg,	396	247	36	20	5	386		3	26	1	135	457 00	Gettysburg, Adams do
Jacob D. Zehring,	4	Emanuel's,	708	375	84	32	6	610		10	22	8	420	193 00	Codorus, York do
David W. Wolff,	3	Conowago,	450	200	32	7		363		10	17	3	175	81 00	Arendtsville, Adams do
R. R. Smith,	4	Dallastown,	187	70	19	10	5	94			10	3	75	13 25	York, York do
John S. Foulk,	1	Carlisle,	204	180	13	18	8	170		11	5	1	150	103 00	Carlisle, Cumberland do
Vacant,	4	Christ's Church,	666	450	40	20	6	520			20	3	300	99 00	
Aaron Wanner,	1	Heidelberg,	111	158	10	7	2	80			9	1	140		York, York do
Aaron Spangler,	5	Abbottstown,	600	500	50	40	25	550		20	26	5	400	140 00	New Oxford, Adams do
James Crawford,	3	New Bloomfield,	287	180	44	50	13	280		6	4	3	250	78 88	Newport, Perry do
Frederick Fox,*	1	1st Church, San Fran.,	32	30				32				1	40		San Francisco, Cal.
Suppl'd by R. R. Smith,	4	Trinity charge,	289	132	34	15	3	110			2	4	110	15 72	
F. S. Lindaman,	3	Zion's,	600	200	27			400				3	300	40 00	Blain, Perry County, Pa.
Henry Wissler,	4	Duncannon,	122	100	4		8	100		15	2	3	150	25 00	Duncannon, Perry do
Lewis D. Steckel,	4	Landisburg,	315	200	26	2		252		4	9	4		117 96	Landisburg, Perry do
Vacant,	4	York Springs,	235	150	24	9	3	190			17	4	100	72 54	
Suppl'd by A. Wanner,	1	Zion's Cong.,	52	65	7	12		35			4	1	70		
do F. S. Lindaman.	1	St. Andrew's Cong.,	25	25				23							
do J. S. Foulk and John Ault,	4	Sulphur Springs,	228	145	9	6		190			3	3	170	53 33	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

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Daniel Zacharias, D. D.,	1	Ev. Ref. Church,	566	541	29	10	10	509		5	32	2	450	$1709 00	Frederick City, Md.
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown,	390	195	20	9	3	365		4	6	4	160	171 00	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
George L. Staley,	1	Knoxville, Supply,	20		4	5		20				1	25		Petersville, Frederick Co., do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	345	320	37	29	2	300		9	17	1	250	625 00	Middletown, Frederick Co., do
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1	1st Reformed Church,	184	100	16	10	4	152		7	10	1	220	395 00	208 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, do
John W. Hoffmeier,	3	Manchester,	375	100	25	35		350			19	3	100	168 00	Manchester, Carroll Co., do
John M. Titzel,	2	Emmittsburg,	339	255	14	12	4	259		8	5	2	60	372 37	Emmittsburg, Frederick Co., do
Marcus Bachman,	1	5th Reformed Church,	515	355	100	40	28	495		10	48	1	375	147 00	127 Bank St., Baltimore, do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	4	Mechanicstown,	302	205		5	1	272		2	9	2	130	100 00	Mechanicstown, Frederick Co., do
William Goodrich,	2	Clearspring,	155	110	16	8	4	150		6	12	2	150	1434 59	Clearspring, Washington Co., do
Jacob Pister,	1	4th Reformed Church,	591		38	61		580		6	73	1	200	600 00	168 Sharp St., Baltimore, do
Simon S. Miller,	4	Jefferson,	360	331	11	3	4	340		2	1	4	300	136 17	Jefferson, do do
J. Spangler Kieffer,	2	Hagerstown,	244	220	20	7		220		13	9	1	200	2038 67	Hagerstown, Wash. Co., do
Abner R. Kremer,	6	Glade,	445	395	26	10	1	370			8	4	180	80 00	Walkersville, Frederick Co., do
William C. Cremer,	3	Westminster,	520	400	50	45	5	450		1	1	2	250	106 00	Westminster, Carroll Co., do
W. Augustus Gring,	3	Mt. Moriah,	184	82	7	6	3	172		2	6	3	230	919 00	Keedysville, Washington Co., do
J. Conrad Hauser,	1	6th Reformed Church,	350		50	27	60	325		10	37	1	250	119 50	483 Saratoga St., Baltimore, do
Jacob Hassler,	2	Boonsboro,	160	90	19	10		155		4	6	2	125	525 00	Boonsboro, Washington Co., do
Daniel Gans, D. D.,	1	3d Reformed Church,	277	270	9	21	15	220		4	4	2	275	255 68	67 N. Paca St., Baltimore, do
Thomas L. Poulson,	1	1st Eng. Ref. Church,	250	200	12	20	12	150		4	1	1	200	25 00	73 Aisquish St., do do
W. F. Colliflower,	1	Second Ref. Church,	50	35	2	4	15	42		1	1	1	35		Hagerstown, Washington Co., do
John Lantz,	4	Taneytown,	470	449				410							Taneytown, Carroll Co., do
Carl L. E. Schild.	1	1st Reformed Church,	80					75							Washington City, D. C.
Vacant,	1	Burkittsville,	82	40	7	6		67		4	3	2	70	21 00	
do	1	St John's Church,	154	133	11	3	5	123			7	1	70	57 12	
Benj. Schneider, D. D.,		Foreign Missionary,													Aintab, Syria.
William H. Zimmerman,		Without charge,													Frederick City, Md.
Total, 25.	52		7408	4826	623	386	176	6571		102	326	44	4205	$10,005 10	

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	N. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John C. Hensell,	3	Rockingham,	181	100	11	10		150			4	3	150	$50 60	Mt. Crawford, Rockg'm Co., Va.
Geo. H. Martin,	4	Woodstock,	320		32	16	3	320			2	1	85	137 00	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co
H. St. J. Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	234		7	12		210						64 30	Hamburg, do do
Henry Wissler,	1	Lovettsville,	95	102	7			85			4	2	50	69 37	Lovettsville, Loudon do
Mortimer L. Shuford,	2	Winchester,	98	57	4	2		90			2	1	50		Winchester, do
Joel T. Rossiter,	1	Shepherdstown,	118	39	2		6	103		5	3	1	79	75 50	Shepherdstown, do
Stephen K. Kremer,	1	Martinsburg,	181		12	13	2	175		5	4	1	120	187 18	Martinsburg, W. do
Samuel N. Callender,	2	Mt. Crawford,*	136					118							Harrisonburg, do
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,													do do
Vacant,	3	Edenburg,	172	225		6		140			1	1	60	60 00	Edenburg, do
do	3	Middlebrook,	147		3			140							Middlebrook, do
Total, 9.	24		1682	523	78	59	11	1531		10	20	10	594	$643 95	

* Stated Supply.

Students under care of Classes: G. A. Whitmore and S. L. Whitmore.

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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George W. Welker,	3	Guilford,	285		10	10		285			2	2			Shaw's Mills,	N. C.
Jeremiah Ingold,	4	Grace,	167		7			167			2	2			Hickory Tavern,	do
Thomas Long,	4	Upper Davidson,	365					365							Salem,	do
Jesse W. Cecil,		No charge,													Thomasville,	do
John Ingle,	2	West Rowan,	260		16	19	5	260		4	3	2			China Grove,	do
Jacob C. Clapp,	4	Newton,	245		4	11	2	245			6	2	70		Newton,	do
John C. Denny,	2	East Rowan,	300		22	26	8	300		3	4	2	175		Gold Hill,	do
Peter M. Trexler,	3	Central Rowan,	101	50	2	12		100		3		2	60		Salisbury,	do
M. L. Hedrick,	4	Lower Davidson,	330					330							Lexington,	do
Total, 9.	26		2053	50	61	78	15	2052		10	17	12	305			

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J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	2	Trappe,	330	65	5	14	6	290			5	1	125	$125 75	Collegeville, Montgom'y Co., Pa.
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's,	710	430	140	63	47	656		20	61	1	475	900 56	No. 1230 N. 6th St., Phila., do
John G. Wiehle,	1	Salem's,	1500	750	477	115	44	1430		30	164	4	750	1213 75	No. 530 St. John St., do do
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	130	30	20	28		120				2	90	48 00	Chester Springs, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	160	40	10	1		150				1	45		
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	350	100	28	25	5	250		2	6	3	200	213 03	Vincent, Chester Co., do
John G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem's,	659	400	132	72	36	650		70	87	2	500	322 99	No. 1304 Howard St., Phil., do
Jacob Dahlman, jr.,	1	Emanuel's,	155	127	25	5	5	125		65	8	1	110	565 23	No. 413 N. 38th St., do do
Abraham Romich,	1	St. Stephen's,	169	150	88	19		140			20	1	110	28 00	No. 2322 Parrish St., do do
John Gantenbein,	1	St. Paul's,	170	150	38		34	108		26	6	1	100	58 00	No. 1542 Christian St., do do
D. Ernest Klopp,	1	Trinity,	249	35	12	11	16	228		2	3	1	300	75 00	No. 1541 N. 7th St., do do
Simon M. K. Huber,	1	Wentz's,	326	101	12	17	1	250			7	1	75	66 35	Worcester, Montgomery Co., do
Charles G. Fisher,	1	Boehm's,	213	122	13	3	1	165		2	4	1	85	115 10	Blue Bell, do do
M. S. Rowland,	1	East Vincent,	185		7	3		120				1	75	55 00	Spring City, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Matthew's,	145		8	10	4	124				1		48 53	
Charles Becker,	2	Bethlehem's,	126	60	10	6	7	100			2	1	70	51 00	Glassboro, N. J.
Gotthold Neeff,	1	Jerusalem's,	389	256	77	4[illegible]		200			21	[illegible]	300	12 50	No. 819 E. Norris St., Phil., Pa.
Edwin H. Nevin, D. D.,	1	First Ch., Race Str.,	238	105	3	13	8	170		2	4	2	252	451 38	No. 719 Marshall St. do do
Joseph H. Dubbs,	1	Christ Church,	175	65	12	16	26	132		2	4	2	150	1310 22	No. 1727 Mt. Vernon St., do do
E. O. Forney,	1	Ascension,	161	37	2	13	12	100		4	2	1	130	115 00	Norristown, do
J. M. Hartzell,	1	St. Luke's,	83	35	7	14	4	68				1	130		N. Wales, Montgomery Co., do
R. Leighton Gerhart,	1	White Marsh,	110	48	7	13	2	100			3	1	150	119 40	White Marsh, do do
John G. Noss,	1	St. John's,	25			1	9	25			1	1	45	5 00	No. 529 N. 37 St., Phila., do
W. C. D. Rodrock,	1	Pleasantville,	215	80	30		1	175		2	2	2	150	18 75	Eureka, Montgomery Co., do
Christian Keller,	1	Emanuel's,	42	48		6		40			2	1	100	39 66	Bridesburg, Phila., do
Vacant,	1	Heidelberg,	148	44	2	1	8	142		10	1	1	135	1762 77	
do	2	Egg Harbor,*	94	50				80				1	75		Egg Harbor, N. J.
do	1	St. John's, Del.,	41	32	2		3	41				1	32		Camden, Kent Co., Del.
Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.,		Ed. Ref. Ch. Mess'ger,													No. 54 N. 6th St., Philad., Pa.
Total. Min., 30. Lic., 2.	34		7298	3360	1167	514	279	6179		237	413	38	4759	$7,720 97	

Without Charge: Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Sr., Collegeville, Montg. Co., Pa.; Rev. Chas. W. Shultz, Camden, N. J.; Rev. Geo. Leidy, Norristown, Pa.; Rev. D. Feete, Norristown, Pa.; Rev. Chas. Lukens, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.; Prof. H. W. Super, Collegeville, Montg. [illegible] Hoover, Collegeville, Montg. Co., Pa.; A. J. Bowers, Collegeville, [illegible]

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Benj. S. Schneck, D.D.,	1	2d ch., Chambersburg.	40	28	8	2	3	34		1	1	1	40	$57 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Theobald Fouse,	8	Woodcock Valley,	645	650	59	30	5	640		4	20	4	300	300 00	James Creek, Huntingdon do
William M. Deatrick,	2	Friend's Cove,	275	185	18	14	2	260		10	5	2	175	229 81	Charlesville, Bedford do
Isaac G. Brown,	3	Mercersburg,	313	278	7	19	6	308		3	8	3	170	306 50	Mercersburg, Franklin do
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	5	Schellsburg,	380	270	23	1	8	360		1	28	4	200	153 00	Schellsburg, Bedford do
Adam C. Whitmer,	1	Altoona,	188	210	35	11	16	162		8	9	1	125	264 75	Altoona, Blair do
E. E. Higbee, D. D., } Jacob B. Kerschner, }	1	Pres., Mercersb'g Coll., do	89	25	2	11	1	86		3	2			117 31	Mercersburg, Franklin do do do do
Peter S. Davis,	1	Chambersburg charge,	380	250	20	8	4	318		10	12	1	328	989 00	Chambersburg, Franklin do
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger,	2	Loudon & St. Thomas,	222	150	17	9	4	165		5	7	2	145	134 00	St. Thomas, do do
John H. Sykes,	2	Martinsburg,	183	135	8	9	8	151		3	15	2	70	334 47	Martinsburg, Blair do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	2	Mont Alto,	120	80	10	2	1	102			4	3	150	80 00	Mont Alto, Franklin do
Moses Kieffer, D.D.,	2	Greencastle,	260	215	11	12	3	225		8	2	1	100	582 00	Greencastle, do do
H. H. W. Hibschman,	3	Waynesboro,	350	203	12	26	2	298		10	11	1	120	749 06	Waynesboro, do do
Vacant,	2	Shippensburg,	235	150	17	9	6	230		5	5	2	180	133 00	Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Elias D. Shoemaker,	2	Yellow Creek,	230	195	18	21	11	229		4	8	2	190	205 81	Pattonsville, Bedford do
Jeriah S. Shade,	4	McConnelsburg,	158	172	7	10	2	142		2	3	3	100	72 31	McConnellsburg, Fulton do
Wm. D. Lefevre,	4	Greenfield,	337	200	31	12	7	283		6	14	4	275	152 77	Sarah, Blair do
John A. Peters,	3	Waterstreet,	325	250	27	39	14	300		13	4	2	150	491 67	Alexandria, Huntingdon do
Elias N. Kremer,	3	Bedford,	325	165	23	41	7	310		5	5	3	200	252 60	Bedford, Bedford do
Ambrose C. Geary,	4	St. Clairsville,	350	260	15	13	2	320		3	5	4	200	150 00	St. Clairsvlle, do do
Milton H. Sangree,	4	Bloody Run,	170	150	3	1	10	160			4	3	150	100 01	Bloody Run, do do
Henry J. Comfort,	4	Grindstonehill,	240	175	1	1	1	221		1	3	4	200	23 00	Chambersburg, Franklin do
Albert G. Dole,	3	Huntingdon,	296	330	22	6	15	263		15	10	3	260	113 99	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do
Total 30.	66		6111	4726	384	307	138	5567		120	185	55	3828		
Henry Heckerman,		Superanuated,												25 00	Bedford, Bedford do
George R. Zacharias,		Disabled,												13 00	Upper Strasburg, Franklin do
Calvin U. Heilman,		Agent of F. & M. Col.													Lancaster, Lancaster do
Henry W. Hoffmeier,		Without charge,												$6,030 06	Liverpool, Perry do
Lucian Cort,		do.													Martinsburg, Blair do
John B. Kieffer,		Prof. Mercersburg Col.													Mercersburg, Franklin do
George N. Abbott,		do.													do do do

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Weiser, D. D.		Retired,													Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Samuel Hess,		do													Hellertown, North'pton do
Lewis C. Herman,		do													Gilbertsville, Montg'y do
Peter S. Fisher,	3	Sellersville,	323		19	13		322			10	3		$92 00	Sellersville, Bucks do
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown,	366	109	31	13	21	345		19	8	2	63	141 00	Hilltown, do do
C. Zwingli Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	900	600	55	31		800			30	2	400	900 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham,	800	600	61	13	2	677		7	32	4	200	190 80	Bucksville, Bucks do
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg,	450	220	85	15		395		1	22	4	170	110 50	Oley, Berks do
Augustus L Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	560	300	50	38	4	483		6	23	4		224 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Riegelsville,	180	90	16	17	3	168		1	5	2		127 34	Riegelsville, Bucks do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Falconer Swamp,	600	535	67	32		550		3	25	2	250	175 57	Boyertown, Berks do
Levi C. Sheip,	1	Doylestown,	75	59	8	12	5	65			2	1	90		Doylestown, Bucks do
Simon K. Gross,	2	Ridge Valley,	295		23			250		1	27	1		18 18	Sellersville, do do
Amandus F. Ziegler,	2	St. Paul's,	230	175	29		2	188			22	2	80	105 15	Bingen, Northampton do
Tilghman O. Stem,	4	Lower Saucon,	502	338	68	24	2	420			40	4		230 00	Hellertown, do do
L. D. Leberman,	4	Pottstown,	800		81	73	21	750		8	29	5		279 29	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Jacob Kehm,	2	Indian Creek,	700	350	32	71		590		2	26	1	250	100 00	Sellersville, Bucks do
Nathan Z. Snyder,	1	South Bethlehem,	120	123	15	9	25	87			1	1	138	13 50	South Bethlehem, Northampt., do
L. Kryder Evans,	1	Trinity Church,	450	330	38	26	10	393		9	17	1	250	129 95	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Franklin J. Mohr,	4	Quakertown,	285		15		10	223		5	6	4		22 66	Quakertown, Bucks do
Robert S. Appel,	2	Upper Saucon,	480					430							Allentown, Lehigh do
Henry Hess, Supply,	2	Springfield & Flatl'nd,	481	140	18	34		320			13	2		150 00	Pleasant Hill, Bucks do
S. M. K. Huber,* do	2	Towamencin,	262	97	16	18	2	182			11	2	90	65 65	Worcester, Montgomery do
A. F. Ziegler, do	2	Keller & Applebach's,	213	115	13	21	1	194		1	10	2	75	82 45	Bingen, Northampton dd
J. M. Hartzell,* do	1	New Hilltown,	87		12	14		67		1	2	1	80	10 33	
G. W. Aughinbaugh, do	1	South Easton,	65					55							Riegelsville, Bucks do
D. F. Brendle,† do	1	Salsburg,	56		6			42			3			5 10	Bethlehem. Northampton do
O. C. Herman† do	2	Oley & New Jerus'lm,	225					220							
Vacant,	4	Upper Milford,	450					430							
Total, 22.	62		9955	4181	758	474	108	8646		64	364	50	2136	$3,173 47	

* Members of Philadelphia Classis.
† Members of East Pennsylvania Classis.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School's.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John F. Busche.	1	New York,	330		179	42		268			8	1	275		108 Rivington St., N. Y. City.
Lewis B. Schwarz,															Boston, Mass.
Philip A. Schwarz,	1	Boston,	150		25			125			10	1	100		do do
Charles Bank.	1	New Brunswick,	220	170	44	8	10	180			11	1	75		New Brunswick, N. J.
Kaspar Brunner,	1	Bridgeport,	70	17	36	7		60			2	1	75		Bridgeport, Conn.
A. Lepp,	1	Rahway,	187		27	18	14	124		2	10	1	150	$39 00	Rahway, N. J.
A. Stoll,	1	Breslau,	100					100				1			Breslau, L. Isl.
Oscar Lohr,		Foreign Missionary,													Bisrampore, India.
John S. Ebaugh,		Emeritus.													New York City.
E. M. Shultz, Lic.		City Missionary,													do do
Total, 10.	6		1057	187	311	75	2	857		2	41	6	675	$39 00	

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel C. Tobias,	5	Bethany,	240	125	37	20	1	210			10	2	100	$44 11	Litiz, Lancaster, Co., Pa.
William T. Gerhard,	1	St. John's, Lancaster,	353	175	29	23	27	255		20	16	1	165	46 00	Lancaster, do do
John G. Fritchey, Supply,	3	Elizabethtown,	150	75	19	13		140			8	2	150	48 61	do do do
John W. Nevin, D.D.,	1	College church,	62	15	1		11	62			2			1324 46	do do do
John G. Wolff,		Without charge,													do do do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	366	304	26	21	8	310		14	21	1	265	675 70	do do do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.													do do do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	337	268	12	14		154			7	1	60	125 76	Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Oliver L. Ashenfelter,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	223	144	23	15	10	162		2	10	1	176	820 80	Lancaster, Lancaster do
John V. Eckert, Supply	3	M[illegible],	105	50	2		4	70			2	1	104	20 96	Columbia, do do
Joseph Hannabery,	2	New Providence,	160	140	22	15	1	126		1	6	3	240	576 00	N. Providence, do do
Frederick A. Gast,		Tutor in College,													Lancaster, do do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	270	180	27	22	15	230		5	13	1	350	7127 56	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	52	86	6	9	5	35			4	1	85	300 00	Halifax, do do
Darius W. Gerhard,	3	New Holland,	205	175	43	30	5	245		4	9	3	180	258 33	N. Holland, Lancaster do
Frederick Pilgram,	1	Columbia,	85	64	15	5	4	70		3	3	1	90	63 40	Columbia, do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Millersville,	315	91	15	11	3	200		4	5	3	244	89 79	Millersville, do do
Stephen Schweitzer,	6	Reamstown,	725	315	48	41	1	508		2	29	5	520	99 67	Union Station, do do
Herman Bielfeld,	1	Zwingli, Harrisburg,	54	41	3	12		39			3	1	36	14 36	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Henry Miller,		Without charge,													Adamstown, Lancaster do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem.,													Lancaster, do do
Thomas G. Apple, D.D.,		do do													do do do
John S. Stahr,		Licentiate,													do do do
John M. Souder,		do													Woodsboro', Fredk. Co., Md.
Total, 24.	37		3800	2248	328	251	95	2816		55	148	27	2765	$11,635 51	

Theological Students.—Jacob B. Hisey, Ambrose Gring, S. Reid Bridenbaugh.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificats.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Isaac Shellhammer,	4	Union,	200		37			55			13	3			Black Creek, Luzerne Co., Pa.
Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland,	270	225	65	19		290			14	1	180	$18 13	Ashland, Schuylkill do
John W. Steinmetz,	3	Danville,	300	225	24	12	3	290		2	12	3	300	180 00	Danville, Montour do
Samuel H. Reid,	1	Milton,	205	259	10	1	18	200		3	2	1	234	90 00	Milton, Northumberland do
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	5	North Susquehanna,	290	260	38	21	1	260		1	7	5	200	74 30	Berwick, Columbia do
Henry Mosser,	3	Paradise,	440	195	33	21	8	415		5	8	3	200	268 98	McEwensville, North'berl'nd do
David W. Kelly,	3	Shamokin,	275		34	35	13	240			20	3	300	40 00	Shamokin, Northumberland do
John W. Lescher,	5	Berrysburg,	375		48			335			5	5	200	195 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
John Wolbach,	6	Mahanoy,	400	300	26	12		260			9	5		130 00	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
Alfred Houtz,	4	Orangeville,	210	100	6	5	6	203		3	9	4		230 00	Orangeville, Columbia do
Jos. H. Schlappig,*	3	Cherry M.,	152					94							Overton, Bradford do
Calvin S. Gerhard,	1	Sunbury,	150	120	16	7	10	125			10	1	120	37 00	Sunbury, Northumberland do
Tilghman Derr,	3	Mt. Zion's,	480	270	24	69	31	410		5	10	3	220	76 90	Turbotville, do do
Henry S. Bassler,	6	Deep Creek,	420	300	27	42		300		6	10	3		65 33	Heginsville, Schuylkill do
Horace Daniel,*	4	Augusta,	390	253	11			353		3	2	3	175	50 32	Sunbury, Northumberland do
John M. Clemens,*	5	Conyngham,	480	300	42	28	6	440		4	24	4	280	123 60	Conyngham, Luzerne do
T. Frank Hoffmeier,	2	Bloomsburg,	220	100	4			160				2		67 27	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
Maximilian Frankel,*	4	Hazleton,	800	340	90	31	41	400	1		30	1	300	48 00	Hazelton, Luzerne do
William G. Engel,	7	Uniontown,	670	550	90	21		557			40	6	400	80 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
	6	Armstrong Valley,	210					165				5	175		
	3	Lykens,	92		8	2		50			1	1	50		
	3	Catawissa,†	66	75				66							
George W. Snyder,†															Danville, Pa.
Total, 22.	82		7095	3872	633	326	137	5668	1	32	226	62	3334	$1,774 83	

Without charge.—Rev. John J. Waldburger., Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa.: Licentiate: E. Albert Ludwig, Danville, Montour Co., Pa.

* Lately taken charge. † Supply. Students for the ministry: Wm. F. Foust and Charles F. Sunday.

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	397	375	30	37	8	343		4	13			$392 45	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Beaver Springs,	465	400	80	45		465			29			81 00	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany Valley,	295	175	16	12	4	235				2	155	136 95	Walker, Centre do
David G. Klein,	1	Eden,	46	46	6	7	1	40		1		1	45	18 41	Walker, do do
Cyrus H. Reiter,	4	Aaronsburg,	475	317	35	34	14	250		2	13	4	220	206 00	Aaronsburg, do do
Uriah H. Heilman,	2	Lewisburg,	350	150	11		9	275		7	5	2	125	50 55	Lewisburg, Union do
George E. Addams,	3	Mifflinburg,	391	200	29	10	3	300		1		3	200	292 50	Mifflinburg, do do
Tilghman J. Seiple,	6	New Berlin,	380	200	47	45	7	350		1	16	4	250	130 50	New Berlin, Snyder do
Daniel M. Wolf,	3	Bellefonte,	150	125	29	36	8	136		2	2	1	96	161 64	Bellefonte, Centre do
William W. Clouser,	4	White Deer,	313	219	63	47	6	313			10	4	220	54 22	West Milton, Union do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	7	Liverpool,*													
Wm. A. Haas,	5	Selinsgrove,	350	250	25	23	7	320			9	4	280	67 00	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
Andrew J. Heller,	1	Williamsport,	120	70	15	6	3	100				1	80		Williamsport, Lycoming do
William M. Landis,	6	Rebersburg,	325	200	17	7	5	200		3	6	3	150	82 38	Rebersburg, Centre do
Jacob Mayer,		Superannuated,													Lock Haven, Clinton do
Jonathan Zeller,		Without charge,													do do do
J. C. Bucher, D.D.,		do													Lewisburg, Union do
A. B. Caspar,		do													New Berlin, Snyder do
Total, 18.	56		4057	2727	403	309	75	3327		21	103	29	1821	$1673 60	

* No report.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contrib'ns.
East Pennsylvania,	32	90	13,084	7,160	1,424	624	105	10,963		50	517	108	2,926	$6,825 77
Lebanon,	30	77	15,452	5,398	1,099	697	286	1,2219	2	113	449	73	7,503	9,525 50
Zion,	22	78	9,097	5,540	795	415	147	7,422	2	96	336	89	5,015	4,315 00
Maryhnd,	25	52	7,408	4,826	623	386	176	6,571		102	396	44	4,205	10,005 10
North Carolina,	9	26	2,053	50	61	78	15	2,052		10	17	12	305	
Virginia,	9	24	1,682	523	78	59	11	1,531		10	20	10	594	643 95
Philadelphia,	32	34	7,298	3,360	1,167	514	279	6,179		237	413	38	4,759	7,720 97
Mercersburg,	30	66	6,111	4,726	384	307	138	5,567		120	185	55	3,828	6,030 06
Goshenhoppen,	22	62	9,955	4,181	758	474	108	8,646		64	364	50	2,136	3,173 47
New York,	10	6	1,057	187	311	75	24	857		2	41	6	675	39 00
Lancaster,	24	37	3,800	2,248	328	251	95	2,816		55	148	27	2,765	11,635 57
East Susquehanna,	22	82	7,095	3,872	633	326	137	5,668	1	32	226	62	3,334	1,774 83
West Susquehanna,	18	56	4,057	2,727	403	309	75	3,327		21	103	29	1,821	1,673 60
Total, 13 Classes.	285	690	88,149	44,798	8,064	4,515	1,596	73,818	5	912	3,145	603	39,866	$63,362 76
Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 8 Classes, —	126	302	20,537	11,365	1,883	1,470	797	17,461	256	233	566	202	13,309	8,323 11
Synod of the North West, 7 Classes, —	117	188	11,604	9,157	1,610	896	696	10,070	56	178	404	124		5,029 71
Synod of Pittsburg, 6 Classes, —	58	132	10,009	7,968	930	581	280	8,158	1	131	310	92	5,363	9,936 00
Total, 4 Synods, 34 Classes,	586	1312	130,299	73,288	12,487	7,462	3,369	109,507	318	1,454	4,425	1,021	58,538	$86,651 58

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

CONVENED IN

Special Session

AT

LANCASTER, PA., FEBRUARY, 1873.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in special session, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., in the month of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three. The sessions continued from the evening of the nineteenth to the evening of the twentieth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions were opened with prayer by the President, the Rev. Martin A. Smith, prior to which a sermon was preached by the Rev. John W. Nevin, D.D., from Psalm cxix. 89-91:—"*Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to Thine ordinances: for all are Thy servants.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. Martin A. Smith, John Beck, and Daniel F. Brendle.
Elders. Owen L. Schreiber, Aaron G. Renninger, and Joseph Laubach.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Henry A. Keyser, Daniel B. Albright,* William F. P. Davis, Aaron S. Leinbach, and Charles H. Leinbach.
Elders. Christian D. Zehring and Daniel Small.†

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* Was succeeded by his *primarius*, Rev. John O. Johnson, on the morning of the second day of the session.
† Took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Rev. Aaron Wanner and William K. Zieber.
Elders. John Hager and William A. Wilt.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Rev. William A. Gring, Abner R. Kremer, Simon S. Miller, and Edmund R. Eshbach.
Elders. * * * * *

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs and Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.
Elders. J. David Miller and George Geatrill.

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Rev. Joel T. Rossiter.
Elders. * * * * *

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Rev. William D. Lefevre, Moses Keiffer, D.D., and Ellis N. Kremer.
Elder. Jacob Heyser.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. Nathan Z. Snyder, L. Kryder Evans, and P. P. A. Hoffman.
Elder. Michael Worman.

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

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XI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. John W. Nevin, D.D., Frederick A. Gast, Amos H. Kremer, D.D., and Darius W. Gerhard.
Elders. Daniel W. Gross, Edward J. Zahm, John B. Roth, and William M. Nevin.

XII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, John W. Lescher, and William G. Engle.
Elder. Peter I. Stein.

XIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. William A. Haas.
Elders. * * * * *

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Walter E. Krebs, John Gantenbein, Calvin U. Heilman, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., John W. Steinmetz, Thomas G. Apple, D.D., Lewis D. Steckel, Charles G. Fisher, John S. Stahr, Isaac E. Graeff, John G. Wolff, John G. Fritchey, John A. Peters, John V. Eckert, James A. Shultz, Joseph Hannabery, Geo. W. Glessner, Daniel M. Wolff, William T. Gerhard, Calvin S. Gerhard, William H. H. Snyder, Daniel C. Tobias, Stephen Sweitzer, Edwin O. Forney, Alfred B. Shenkle, and Elder Adam B. Wingerd.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Martin A. Smith, *President.*
Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The several sessions were opened and closed with religious exercises.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Immediately after the organization of the Synod, the call issued by the President for the present special meeting was read, and is as follows:

Inasmuch as there has been placed in my hands the prescribed Constitutional request, I hereby call the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to convene in special sessions, in the First Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pa., on Wednesday, the 19th of February, 1873, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., to take action on the following items of business:

1. The report of the committee appointed by the Synod at Martinsburg, W. Va., in October last, to mature the plan for the union of the Eastern District Synods in the support and management of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

2. The matter of establishing one or more Mission Houses.

3. The devising and adopting a plan of co-operation between the Eastern District Synods in regard to Home Missions and kindred objects.

4. The appointment of a committee to act in conjunction with similar committees, that may be appointed by the other District Synods, in order to determine more definitely the boundaries of these District Synods.

MARTIN A. SMITH,
President of Synod.

Nazareth, Pa., January 25th, 1873.

The first item in the call for this meeting relating to the report of the committee, appointed at the Synod at Martinsburg, W. Va., in October last, to mature the plan for the union of the Eastern District Synods in the support and management of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., was taken up. The committee submitted their report. The report was received and taken up item by item. The items were severally adopted after some amendments. The report was then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed by the Synod at Martinsburg, W. Va., to perfect the Plan of Union submitted to it, by virtue of which other District Synods may unite with it, in the management, control, and support of the Theological Seminary now located at Lancaster, Pa., respectfully report:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and after careful consideration, have agreed to propose the following modifications of said plan for the purposes therein contemplated:

Any regularly organized Synod, in connection with the Reformed Church in the United States, shall if it so desire, be permitted, with the consent of this Synod, to unite with it, in the management, control, and support of its Theological Seminary. The Union thus formed shall embrace the following provisions for carrying out the objects therein contemplated:

1. Each Synod becoming a party to this union, shall, at its first subsequent meeting, and annually thereafter, elect one Trustee for every twenty-five ministers, or fraction of twenty-five, regularly connected with it. The persons thus elected by the different Synods, being parties to this union, shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States. None but Elders in good and regular standing shall be chosen to the office of Trustee. Members, however, may be re-elected.

2. The Board of Trustees shall annually submit a written report to the Synods, in which they shall give a full account of their acts, and

work during the year, and make such suggestions in regard to the property and management of the Seminary as they may deem advisable.

3. Each of the Synods, forming a part of this union, shall annually elect four ministers regularly connected with it, and the ministers thus elected, shall constitute the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary. This Board shall annually report to the Synods the condition of the Seminary, the number of students, number and names of the graduates during the year, and such other matters as appertain to the work of the Seminary.

4. Should a majority of the Synods constituting this union approve of any measure submitted to them, either by the Board of Trustees, or the Board of Visitors, such approval shall be regarded as sufficient authority to the Board for carrying such measure into effect.

5. In case any special contingency shall occur, such as the death or resignation of a Professor, the election of a Professor, or the creation of a new Professorship, or anything pertaining to the general interests of the Seminary, which shall render a Joint Convention of the Synods being parties to this union necessary, the Board of Visitors shall have power to take the necessary steps to effect a call of such Convention, of which at least six weeks previous notice shall be given in the periodicals published under the direction of any of said Synods, for the purpose of acting upon such items as may be specified in their call. The Synods forming this Convention shall meet as delegated bodies.

6. Whenever, under such call, it shall become necessary to elect a Professor, the Convention, after it has been organized, shall appoint a committee consisting of an equal number of members of each Synod, who shall have power to nominate only one candidate at a time. The election shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast, shall be required to elect.

7. Should any Synod desire to withdraw from this union, it is to be clearly and distinctly understood, that it shall not be entitled to claim any pecuniary interest in the endowment, buildings, library, or any real or personal property or effects of the Seminary; but, on the contrary, the Seminary shall remain intact as to all its property of whatever kind, which shall belong to the Synods remaining in the union; excepting, however, from this provision, all such funds as have been contributed by the retiring Synod for the endowment of any Professorship in whole or in part, which funds are to be fully restored to it.

The following resolution is also submitted for adoption.

Resolved: That, in case the Synod of Pittsburg, or the Synod about to be organized at Frederick, Md., enter into the proposed arrangement, the Trustees of the Theological Seminary be instructed to take measures to effect such alterations in the Charter of the Theological Seminary, as are necessary to carry the proposed plan of union into effect.

The committee would further suggest the propriety of establishing Mission Houses within the bounds of this Synod, in the hope that similar action be taken by the other Synods included in the proposed union, which Mission Houses shall be under the control of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted at the direction of the Committee.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

Lancaster, Pa, Jan. 14th, 1873.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a commission of three be appointed to present the plan for the union of the three Eastern Synods, in the management, control, and support of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, adopted by this Synod, to the Pittsburg Synod, and the Synod about to be formed, and that this commission urge upon these Synods immediate action upon this plan, at their next meetings, and in the event of either of these Synods proposing any changes or modifications in the plan, the commission shall report the proposed changes to the next regular meeting of this Synod.

The Rev.Drs. Amos H. Kremer and Thomas G. Apple and Elder Edward J. Zahm were appointed the commission called for in this resolution.

The second item in the call for this meeting, in relation to the establishing of one or more Mission Houses, was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Abner R. Kremer, William K. Zieber Charles H. Leinbach and Elders Joseph Laubach and Edward J. Zahm. To this same committee was referred the suggestion at the close of the report of the committee to mature a plan for the union of the Eastern District Synods in the support of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., in regard to the establishing of Mission Houses. This committee submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee, after due consideration, have come to the conclusion, that the establishment of Mission Houses is a matter of doubtful propriety. We are aware, that there are a number of men desiring to prepare themselves for the work of the ministry, whose circumstances and age make it impracticable for them to take a full classical and theological course in College and Seminary. There is reason to believe, however, that the wants of this class of men can be fully met provided the plan now before the Church for uniting the three District Synods in the support and control of the Theological Seminary be adopted. In such case, the teaching force in the Theological Seminary will be so increased, as to enable the faculty to arrange a course of study in every particular adapted to the peculiar wants of the class of students above named, including a thorough practical training in the German language. Your committee know, that the Seminary has, in the past, received such students and educated them

and is ready to receive them now. We, therefore, recommend to the pastors throughout the Church to send such men to the Seminary.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject be dismissed for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. KREMER,
W. K. ZIEBER,
CHAS. H. LEINBACH,
JOSEPH LAUBACH,
EDWARD J. ZAHM, *Committee.*

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The third item in the call for the present special sessions, relating to the devising and adoption of a plan of co-operation between the Eastern District Synods, in regard to Home Missions and kindred objects, was taken up, and discussed. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That, as a Synod, we are willing to unite cordially with the Synod of Pittsburg, and the Synod about to be organized, in the important work of Missions, and that, in our opinion, the work can be most effectually carried out by the united election of a missionary Superintendent.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to devise and propose a plan of co operation between the District Synods named, in regard to Missions and kindred objects.

The Rev. Dr. Moses Kieffer, John Beck, Frederick A. Gast, and Elders Owen L. Schreiber and John Hager, were appointed the committee called for in the latter resolution. The previous resolution was referred to this committee. The committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to consider the general features of a plan of union and co-operation between the three Eastern Synods on the subject of Missions and kindred interests, such as those of Publication and Beneficiary Education, respectfully submit the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to meet a similar committee to be appointed by the other Synods for the purpose of maturing such a plan of union and co-operation as will best promote the interests named.

Resolved, That this Synod suggest to the committees of conference, that they endeavor to mature a plan, not of mere federation, but of real organic union, which, as regards missions, shall centre in a per-

sonal head, who shall be clothed with full power to carry out the objects of his appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
M. KIEFFER,
F. A. GAST,
JOHN BECK,
O. L. SCHREIBER,
JOHN HAGER, *Committee.*

The committee called for in the above report consists of the Rev. Drs. Amos H. Kremer and Thomas G. Apple and Elder Edward J. Zahm.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Treasurer of the Synod was instructed to pay the expenses of the committee on the plan of union for the support and management of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., to the amount of $10.

Rev. William F. P. Davis was appointed a committee to take up a collection to remunerate the sexton for his services. He attended to the duty assigned him, and reported, that he had collected $8,56, and paid it over to the sexton, which report was received and adopted.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The fourth item in the call for the present special sessions, relating to the appointment of a committee to act in conjunction with similar committees that may be appointed by the other District Synods, to determine more definitely the boundaries of these District Synods, was taken up; whereupon it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to carry out the object specified in this item.

This committee consists of the Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, Dr. Amos H. Kremer, John Beck, and Elders Joseph Laubach and Edward J. Zahm.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Immediately after the opening of the morning session of the second

day of the sessions, the Rev. Walter E. Krebs announced to the Synod, that the present day is the seventieth anniversary of the birth of the venerable President of Franklin and Marshall College, the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, who had just been called out of Synod, and that the Professors and students of the College and the Theological Seminary purpose this afternoon to visit his house, and pay their respects to him in a body. It was, therefore, thought proper to invite the Synod to join them in the festivities of the occasion. It was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted, and that the Synod, for this purpose, take a recess this afternoon after half past 2 o'clock. The Synod met in the afternoon at half past 1 o'clock. In the absence of the President and Stated Clerk, the Rev. Daniel F. Brendle was appointed President, *pro tempore*, and the Rev. Dr. Amos H. Kremer, Secretary *pro tempore*. No quorum being present, the Synod adjourned until 7 o'clock in the evening.

During the afternoon, the contemplated visit of the Synod, in conjunction with the Professors and students of the College and Theological Seminary, was made to the house of the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin. The Rev. Dr. Nevin, who was evidently taken by surprise, was appropriately addressed by the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart. At the close of his remarks, he presented him, in behalf of the Professors and students of the institutions, with a handsome gold watch and chain, as a token of their appreciation of his character and work in the several relations he has sustained to the Church and her institutions. The venerable President, with much evident emotion, replied somewhat at length in very befitting terms, to the remarks of the Rev. Dr. Gerhart. After a brief sojourn and partaking of some refreshments, the assemblage dispersed. The whole was a pleasing episode in the proceedings of Synod, the coincidence in the memorial of the birth-day of Dr. Nevin and the time fixed upon for the present special sessions, having occurred without design on the part of any one.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members of the Reformed Church and other citizens of Lancaster, for the hospitality extended to its members during the present sessions, and that the pastors of the several Reformed Churches of the city be requested to read this resolution from their respective pulpits.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pennsylvania, Cumberland Valley, Northern Central, Philadelphia and

Reading, and Reading and Columbia Railroads for permitting its members to pass over their respective roads at reduced fare.

The Roll was called and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod, having transacted the business for which it was called together, adjourned, and was dismissed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the President.

MARTIN A. SMITH, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

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e Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Annual Sessions.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions, held in Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-three. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the Fifteenth, and continued until the close of the afternoon of the Twenty-first day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions of Synod were opened with religious exercises, in connection with which the President, the Rev. Martin A. Smith, preached a sermon, from 1 Corinthians iv. 1 and 2: "*Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. George H. Johnson, Israel S. Weisz,[2] Martin A. Smith, John Beck. D.D.,[1] and Charles A. Rittenhouse.[2]

Elders. Owen L. Schreiber, Allen A. Huber, and Adam W. Lerch.[2]

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., Isaac E. Graeff, Henry A. Keyser and George Wolff[2].

Elder. Charles Bonar.

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[1] Took their seats on the morning of the second day of the sessions.
[2] Took their seats on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D.D.,[3] William C. Hendrickson,[6] and Samuel R. Fisher, D D.

Elders. Henry Snyder[3], and J. David Miller[4].

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. Franklin J. Mohr, Agustus L. Dechant, Jacob Kehm and David Rothrock[2].

Elders. Daniel B. Mauger, Isaac F. Yost and Levi Fluck[2].

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Rev. John F. Busche.

Elders. * * * * *

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. William H. H. Snyder, Alfred B. Shenkle, Joseph Hannabery, Walter E. Krebs, and Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D[9].

Elders. Abraham Madei[5], Daniel Lefevre, William H. Seibert, and John H. Pearsol[2 5].

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. Tilgham Derr, John W. Steinmetz,[10] George B. Dechant,[7] and Alfred Houtz[1].

Elders. David Eschbach, Benjamin Bomboy, Abraham S. Wagner, and Joseph Martz[1].

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. William H. Groh, Andrew J. Heller,[11] and William W. Clouser[3].

Elders. Joseph Frederick, Edward B. Kramm,[8] and Henry Miller.

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[3] Took his seat on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

[4] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

[5] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions.

[6] His seat became vacant on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions, by his election as delegate having been pronounced irregular, and, therefore illegal.

[7] His seat was occupied by Rev. Aaron R. Hottenstein, from the morning of the fifth until the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[8] Obtained leave of absence at the opening of the afternoon session of the sixth day of the sessions.

[9] Was succeeded by the Rev. Calvin U. Heilman, at the opening of the afternoon session of the sixth day of the sessions.

[10] Was succeeded by the Rev. Aaron R. Hottenstein, at the opening of the afternoon session of the sixth day of the sessions.

[11] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions and was succeeded by the Rev. Uriah H. Heilman on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

IX. FROM THE GERMAN PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

Rev. Nicholas Gehr and Jacob Dahlman, Jr.
Elder. Henry Klos. (4.)

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Rev. W. J. Eyer.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present for one or more days during the sessions:

From the Classis of Philadelphia: Rev. John Gantenbein.

From the Classis of Goshenhoppen: Rev. Simon M. K. Huber, and Elder Benjamin Tyson.

From the Classis of Lancaster: Rev. Calvin U. Heilman, Theodore Appel, D.D., and Elder Daniel W. Gross.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna: Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Maximilian Frankel, Aaron R. Hottenstein, John M. Clemens, William G. Engel, Samuel H. Reid, and Calvin S. Gerhard.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna: Rev. John C. Bucher, D.D. George E. Addams and Uriah H. Heilman.

Synod of Ohio and adjacent States: Rev. Joshua H. Derr.

Synod of the Potomac: Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D., and Isaac G. Brown.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced at intervals during the sessions:

From the Presbyterian Church: Rev. N. Spear and Stewart Mitchell

From the Lutheran Church: Rev. M. C Horine, R. F. Kingsley, J. R. Williams and J. R. Dimm.

From the Episcopal Church: Rev. John Hewitt.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, was chosen *President*.
Rev. William H. H. Snyder was chosen *Corresponding Secretary*.
Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., *Stated Clerk*.
George W. Hensel, Esq., was elected *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the first six pews from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions:

The *Morning* session to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock.

The *Afternoon* session to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

An evening session was held on the fifth day of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod.—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., William H. Groh, Augustus L. Dechant, and Elders Daniel B. Mauger and Abraham Mader.

Overtures.—Rev. Nicholas Gehr, Franklin J. Mohr, Jacob Dalman, Jr. and Elders Daniel Lefevre and Isaac F. Yost.

Correspondence with Sister Churches.—Rev. John F. Busche, Israel S. Weisz, Alfred B. Shenkle, and Elders Charles Bonar and Edward B. Kramm.

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. Isaac E. Graeff, Jacob Kehm, John W. Steinmetz, Nicholas Gehr, and Elders Daniel B. Mauger and Abraham Mader.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D.D, Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., Walter E. Krebs, and Elders William H. Seibert and David Eschbach.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Rev. George H. Johnston, Israel S. Weisz, Tilgham Derr, and Elders David Eschbach and J. David Miller.

Theological Seminary. Rev. John Beck, D.D., John W. Steinmetz, George B. Dechant, and elders Joseph Frederick and Owen L. Schreiber.

Missions. Rev. William H. H. Snyder, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., George Wolff, and Elders Charles Bonar and William H. Seibert.

Finance.—Rev. William H. Groh, Joseph Hannabery, Henry A. Keyser, and Elders Daniel Lefevre and Allen A. Huber.

Nominations.—Rev. Martin A. Smith, William C. Hendrickson, William H. H. Snyder, and Elders Benjamin Bomboy and Aaron S. Wagner.

Publication.—Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., Isaac E. Graeff, Walter E. Krebs, and Elders Henry Miller and William H. Seibert.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. One copy of the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania was received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

2. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, and German Philadelphia were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4. The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with the Report of the Treasurer of Synod, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication and the Report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund," were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

6. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of last year was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Synod, respectfully report the following items claiming the attention of this Synod:

Item 1. Synod regards with favor the proposition of the Pittsburg Synod, to unite with it in the management and support of the Theological Seminary. P. 33.

Item 2. Synod directs Congregations, Classes and the Board of Visitors to exercise due caution in reference to beneficiaries. P. 34.

Item 3. The consideration of the election of a Professor of Biblical Exegesis, in the Theological Seminary, was postponed until the present meeting of Synod. P. 35.

Item 4. The matter of the celebration of a semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Theological Seminary was referred to

the Faculty and Alumni of the Theological Seminary with discretionary power in the case. P. 35.

Item 5. A Committee was appointed by Synod to perfect a plan of union between the Synod of Pittsburg and this Synod, with respect to the Theological Seminary. P. 38.

Item 6. The present Board of Home Missions was continued another year. P. 46.

Item 7. Synod enjoins it upon the several Classes to instruct their ministers to explain to their consistories and members the Discipline, Government and Educational and Missionary operations of our Church. P. 51.

Item 8. The term of service of the Editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" expired January 1st, 1873. The Board of Publication was authorized to fill the prospective vacancy, subject to the confirmation of the next annual Synod. P. 55.

Item 9. The Classes of this Synod were requested to inaugurate measures to secure funds for the publication of a suitable Church literature. P. 56.

Item 10. The Board of Publication was authorized to effect a union of the "Kirchenzeitung" and the "Reformirte Hausfreund" on satisfactory terms. P. 56.

Item 11. The Committee to make a collection of suitable hymns, to be published in connection with the "Order of Worship," reported progress, and was continued. P. 58.

Item 12. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have published a certain number of copies of the Minutes in both the English and German languages. P. 58.

Item 13. The German brethren of the Philadelphia Classis were granted the privilege of organizing a German Classis. The German brethren of Maryland Classis were also allowed to organize a separate German Classis. P. 60.

Item 14. The subject of our interest in certain church property in the city of Washington, was referred to the Maryland Classis. P. 62.

Item 15. The Synod leaves the purchase of additional land for the Orphan Home at Womelsdorf, to the discretion of the Board of Managers. P. 66.

Item 16. Refers to a report from the Faculty of the Theological Seminary in reference to the purchase of books from the library of the late Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, and the completion of his lectures on the Heidelberg Catechism. P. 57.

Item 17. Refers to the preparing and publishing of the Order of Worship in the German language. P. 58.

Item 18. Commissioners were appointed to define the boundary line between Goshenhoppen and Philadelphia Classes. P. 61.

Item 19. Refers to the appointment of a Committee to communicate certain action of Synod to the Rev. Dr. Bomberger. P. 62.

cial Meeting, held in Lancaster, Pa., in Feb., A. D., 1873.

n 1. The appointment of a Commission of three to present the or the union of the three Eastern Synods in the management, l, and support of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, to the urg Synod and the Synod of the Potomac. P. 8.

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n 3. A Committee appointed to act in conjunction with similar ittees to determine more definitely the boundaries of these ct Synods. P. 10.

Minutes of the General Synod.

n 1. A request for the appointment of a Committee of three ach of the District Synods, on the question of union with the med Church in America. P. 29.

n 2. Is the action of the General Synod, on the Super-Appeal P. 71.

n 3. The action of the General Synod on the Dunn complaint. —6.

n 4. A request for the appointment of a Committee of three ach District Synod, to draft a new Constitution. P. 85.

n 5. Synod requests the Classes to open an additional column statistical tables, in which shall be enumerated the number of its who are candidates for the Christian ministry. P. 92.

n 6. The next General Synod will meet on the first Wednesday Whit-Sunday, May the 19th, A. D., 1875, at 8 P. M., in the St. Reformed Church, at Fort Wayne, Ind. P. 97.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. KREMER, *Chairman.*

the action of Synod on items 1, 3, 4, 5, and item 1, Special ng, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; for the result of tion of Synod reported on items 2, 7, 9 and 13, see Article X, es of Classes; on items 8, 10, 11, 12, 16 and 17, see Article Publication; on item 15, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on 18, 19, and item 3, Special Meeting, and items 1, 2, 3, and 4 al Synod, see Article XX, Church Government; on item 6, em 2, Special Meeting, see Article XIV, Missions, and on item 5, al Synod, see Article XVI, Appeals and References. Item 14 eferred to the Potomac Synod, and item 6, General Synod, was y adopted.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which w received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the followi communications, which were placed into their hands; viz.:

Item 1. Extracts from the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod the Potomac, in reference to former assessments. Your Commit recommend the reading of said extracts before this body.

Item 2. An extract from the Minutes of Mercersburg Classis, regard to the action of General Synod in reference to a proper app cation of benevolent funds.

Item 3. A letter from Mr. Robert C. Weaver, a graduate of Fra lin and Marshall College, asking permission from this body, to p secute his theological studies privately, assigning as the reason precarious state of health.

Item 4. An appeal from an action of the Classis of East Susq hanna, by the Rev. M. Frankel, a member of said Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Gehr, *Chairman*,
F. J. Mohr,
J. Dahlman, Jr.,
Daniel Lefevre,
I. F. Yost.

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XV, Finance; item 2, see Article XX, Church Government; on item 3, see Art XIII, Theological Seminary, and on item 4, see Article XVI, A peals and References.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following report was received from the Committee on Corres- pondence with Sister Churches, taken up item by item, and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches would respectfully report,

That only the Minutes of the German Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pennsylvania were referred to them, and note the following items found in them:

1. The Ministerium held their annual meeting at Pottstown, Pa., on June 8th, 1873, and our delegate, Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., excused himself for his absence.

2. The Rev. W. J. Eyer was delegated to our present Synod.

3. The Ministerium will next meet at Lancaster, Pa., on Trinity Sunday, 1874.

4. A report relating to the final settlement of some difficulty between the Lutheran and Reformed congregations in New Germany, N. J., was adopted.

Nothing else was found requiring our notice.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Busche, *Chairman*,
I. S. Weisz,
A. B. Shenkle,
E. B. Kramm.

The following report from the Commissioner appointed to adjust some difficulties existing between the Lutheran and Reformed congregation at New Germany, N. J., was received and adopted:

The undersigned, having been appointed by Synod to effect a settlement of the difficulties which had sprung up in regard to the church property at New Germany, in the State of New Jersey, held in common by the Reformed and the Lutheran congregations of said place, would respectfully report:

That he, together with the Commissioner of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, visited those congregations in November last; and, although during a protracted discussion of the points in dispute, the issue seemed very doubtful, the matter was finally settled to the satisfaction of both parties. The six acres of land were divided into equal shares, the Lutheran congregation retaining the new church building, and the Reformed congregation the old.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Gehr.

No report was received from either of the delegates to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, or to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., was elected delegate *primarius*, and Rev. Walter E. Krebs, delegate *secundus*, to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

On the morning of the second day of the sessions the Rev. W. J. Eyer, delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Penn-

sylvania, appeared, presented his credentials, and took his seat as Corresponding Member. At the same time, he laid on the table c Synod a copy of the last annual sessions of the Ministerium.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Classi of Lebanon requested Synod to take measures to secure the co-opera tion of the Lutheran Church, in preventing the evils arising out of con gregations of one denomination worshiping in the churches of the other, not by right of title, but by numerous and exceedingly loose rela tions. This subject was referred to a committee, consisting of the Revs. Isaac E. Graeff, John W. Steinmetz, and Elder Abraham Ma der, who submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the overture of Lebanon Classis relative to the suppression of worshiping of congregations in the churches of another denomination without right of title, beg leave to say.

That they have found the following action on the subject in the Minutes of that Classis, viz.:

Whereas, the Lutheran Church asked co-operation of our Synod, at its annual meeting in Mechanicsburg, in suppressing the evil of building the so-called union churches, which request was heartily endorsed by Synod; and whereas the same evil intended to be met exists in another form: viz,—the worshiping of the congregations of one denomination in the churches of the other, not by right of title but by numerous temporary and exceedingly loose relations or nominal considerations, resulting in the same and even more serious difficulties, therefore

Resolved, That the Classis overture Synod to ask a similar co operation from the Lutheran Church to suppress the evils in what ever form they may exist, until each congregation of both denomina tions has its own house of worship, and that the different congreg tions be so informed and the pastors serving them be so instructed.

In view of this action, we offer the following resolutions for you consideration, viz.:

Resolved, That the request of the Lebanon Classis be granted and that this matter be referred to the Classes, with the request t take such measures as may be deemed necessary to suppress the ev complained of.

Resolved, That it be made the duty of our delegate to the Germa Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania to call the atten tion of that Rev. body to this action, and to urge them, in a fraterna way, to co-operate with us in our efforts in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

I. E. Graeff,
J. W. Steinmetz,
Abraham Mader.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes, beg leave to offer the following report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Philadelphia Classis installed Rev. W. C. Hendrickson, as pastor of Heidelberg Reformed church, Philadelphia, before his reception from the M. E. Church was confirmed by Synod.

2. The same Classis elected Rev. W. C. Hendrickson delegate primarius, to this body, before his reception was confirmed by Synod.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis requests Synod to open a column in the Statistical tables for all local benevolent contributions.

2. The same Classis respectfully directs the attention of Synod to the fact of its having omitted, at its last annual sessions, to notice the reception of Rev. J. Fritzinger from the East Susquehanna, and of Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse from the Lebanon Classis.

3. Lebanon Classis requests Synod, in case the Editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" does not retract the charge, that the "Hausfreund" possesses neither the spirit of the Reformed Church, nor that of Christ, to require him to do so.

4. The same Classis requests, that the co-operation of the Lutheran Synod be secured, in preventing the evil of congregations of one denomination worshiping in the churches of the other, not by right of title, but by numerous temporary and exceedingly loose relations.

5. The same Classis requests Synod to give a more complete definition of the office of deacons.

6. East Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to confirm the boundary lines agreed upon between it and the Lebanon Classis, and between it and the East Pennsylvania Classis.

7. East Pennsylvania Classis requests, that the boundary line agreed upon between it and Lebanon Classis be confirmed.

8. Goshenhoppen Classis requests Synod to consolidate the "Kirchenzeitung" and "Hausfreund" into one grand, cheap, large German paper.

9. The same Classis resolved to divide into two Classes, and requests Synod to confirm their action in the case.

10. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to make the apportionments on the basis of church-members in the different Classes.

11. West Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to consider the propriety of discontinuing the "Kirchenzeitung."

12. Philadelphia German Classis requests Synod to give its plan of working the Widows' Relief Society into the hands of some experienced business man, for the purpose of having it perfected and made more efficient.

13. Same Classis refused to acquiesce in the wishes of Synod relative to the German Liturgy, on account of the defectiveness of the translation.

14. German Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to be dismissed for the purpose of organizing a German Synod in connection with other German Classes, as soon as the constitutional quota is obtained, subject to the action of the late General Synod at Cincinnati.

15. West Susquehanna Classis respectfully asks Synod to take measures to worthily secure a proper religious celebration of our national centennial of Independence by our churches.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. Rev. Maximilian Franke appeals from an item in the report of a committee of East Susquehanna Classis, appointed to examine into certain difficulties and complaints against him.

2. The West Susquehanna Classis complains, that the East Susquehanna Classis refuses to reconsider their action on an alleged irregularity of the Rev. Samuel H. Reed and the Milton Consistory.

IV. REFERENCES.

1. Lehigh, East Pennsylvania, Lancaster, German Philadelphia, East and West Susquehanna, New York, and Goshenhoppen Classes took [illegible] Home and Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, [illegible] Fund, Orphans' Homes, Widows' Relief Fund, and [illegible] referred to them.

2. German Pittsburgh Classis expresses the opinion, that the time [illegible] "Kirchenordnung" and "Handverand" has not [illegible]

V. [illegible] DISMISSES, ETC., AND REMOVALS.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis dismissed the Rev. George B. Dechant [illegible] West Susquehanna Classis received the Rev. George H. Johnston [illegible] Classis, and the Rev. Christian Kessler from the [illegible]

[illegible] Classis dismissed Rev. Christian Kessler to East Penn[illegible] Philadelphia Classis received the [illegible] East Susquehanna Classis revoked the [illegible] dismissed the Rev. John S. Stahr [illegible] Rev. George W. Applebaugh, [illegible] Goshenhoppen Classis, and the Li[illegible] Philadelphia Classis, and ordained [illegible] dismissed him to Erie Classis, and [illegible] S. Shaffer from Goshenhoppen Classis, and [illegible] Rev. [illegible] Berger.

3. Lancaster Classis received the Rev. Walter E. Krebs from Westmoreland Classis, Rev. Calvin U. Heilman from the Mercersburg Classis; dismissed Rev. Frederick Pilgram to St. Paul's Classis, Rev. Herman Bielfeld to Maryland Classis, and Rev. Nathaniel E. Bressler to East Susquehanna Classis; licensed F. von Frankenstein and revoked his license; received Joseph B. Shumaker from Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. George W. Snyder from East Susquehanna Classis; and licensed Conrad Clever.

4. East Susquehanna Classis dismissed the Rev. Horatio Daniel to the West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. George W. Snyder to Lancaster Classis, Rev. Henry Mosser to Lebanon Classis; received Rev. A. Krahn from Alleghany Classis, Rev. John Kretzing from St. Paul's Classis, and Rev. Nathaniel E. Bressler from the Lancaster Classis.

5. West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. Horatio Daniel from East Susquehanna Classis; dismissed the Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier to Clarion Classis, and suspended the Rev. T. J. Seipel.

6. Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart from the Philadelphia Classis; dismissed the Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., and Robert S. Apple to Lebanon Classis, and licensed A. S. Stauffer, and dismissed him to Lebanon Classis, and licensed Henry Gerhart and Daniel T. Schaub, and received Rev. Simon M. K. Huber and Wentz's Church from the Philadelphia Classis.

7. Philadelphia Classis received the Rev. William C. Hendrickson from the Methodist Episcopal Church, licensed Christian Keller and ordained him; and licensed and ordained John Bachman; dismissed Revs. Nicholas Gehr, John G. Wiehle, John G. Neuber, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Charles Becker, Christian Keller, John Bachman, Jacob Dahlman, Sr., Gottfried Neff; and the Reformed Zion's, Salem's, Bethlehem's, Emanuel's, West Philadelphia, Glassboro's, Emanuel's, Bridesburg and Egg-harbor charges, for the purpose of organizing a German Classis; dismissed the Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart to the Goshenhoppen Classis; received Rev. Samuel Miller from the Lebanon Classis; licensed M. L. Fritsch, H. F. Seiple, F. F. Bahner, J. A. Foil and Reuben Rauhouser; dismissed Wentz's Church to Goshenhoppen Classis, the Licentiates M. L. Fritsch to Lebanon, and J. A. Foil to North Carolina Classis, and A. J. Bowers to Virginia Classis, and the Rev. Simon M. K. Huber to the Goshenhoppen Classis, and the Licentiate F. F. Bahner to East Susquehanna Classis; erased the name of Edward O. Forney from the list of ministers, and received the Licentiate Henry M. Kieffer from Zion's Classis, and ordained him.

8 German Philadelphia Classis organized on the 14th of January, 1873, and dismissed the Rev. Gottfried Neff to the Maryland Classis.

9. New York Classis dismissed Rev. A. Stoll to the Reformed Church in America, and licensed Jacob Roesch from the Basel Mission House.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in Nazareth, Northampton

Co., Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension day, 1874, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Israel S. Weisz, President, and N. S. Strassburger, Stated Clerk.

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in St. Peter's Church, Pinegrove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., on Thursday after Whitsunday, 1874, at 7½ P. M. Charles H. Leinbach, President, and John P. Stein, Stated Clerk.

3. Lancaster Classis will meet at New Providence, Lancaster Co., Pa., on Thursday after Whitsunday, 1874, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. John V. Eckert, President, and Darius W. Gerhard, Stated Clerk.

4. East Susquehanna Classis will meet at Uniontown, Dauphin Co., Pa., on Thursday before Ascension, May 7th, 1874, at 8 P. M. Tilgham Derr, President, and T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Stated Clerk.

5. West Susquehanna Classis meets at Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa., on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1874, at 7½ P. M. George E. Addams, President, and William A. Haas, Stated Clerk.

6. German Philadelphia Classis will meet on the 3d Tuesday of September, 1874, at 7½ P. M., in Zion's Reformed Church, Philadelphia. Rev. Nicholas Gehr, President, and Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Stated Clerk.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet at Amityville, Berks Co., Pa., on Thursday before Ascension day, 1874, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. L. Kryder Evans, President, and Rev. Tilgham Stem, Stated Clerk.

8. Philadelphia Classis will meet in St. Matthew's, Chester Co., Pa., on the 1st Friday in June, 1874, at 7½ P. M. Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, President, and John G. Noss, Stated Clerk.

9. New York Classis will meet on May 5th, 1874, in St. John's Church, Breslau, Long Island, at 7½ P. M. Rev. A. Lepp, President, and C. Bank, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted.

I. E. Graeff,
Jacob Kehm,
J. W. Steinmetz,
N. Gehr,
D. B. Mauger,
A. Mader.

For the action of Synod on the Irregularities reported, on Requests Nos. 1, 2, 10 and 13, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; on Requests Nos. 3, 8 and 11, see Article XIX, Publication; on Request No. 4, see Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches; on Requests Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9 and 14, see Article XX, Church Government; on Requests Nos. 12 and 15, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

For the action of Synod on the Appeal reported, see Article XVI, Appeals and References, and on the Complaint reported, see Article XVII, Complaints, and on item 2 reported under the head of References, see Article XIX, Publication.

The remaining items in the report were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, beg leave to report,

That no candidates have been referred to them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report was received from the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, and adopted:

Brethren in the Lord: It is meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Almighty God, for His goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; and especially ought we so to do, when we are assembled together in Synodical convocation, to review and sum up the results of the labors and cares of the year now gone. We are especially moved to give expression to a sense of gratitude by the spirit and tenor of the reports placed into our hands; for it is a prominent feature of them all, that they speak in fitting terms of the good *Providence* of God; whereby, as it were by His hand, it is acknowledged, that meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, temporal and spiritual mercies, yea all things, come not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.

It seems proper to note the fact here, that the limits of the mother Synod have been considerably narrowed down since the last annual meeting, by the organization of the Potomac Synod. Five Classes have, by this movement, gone out from us, three of which, were among the largest, most active, and influential belonging to this body. This young daughter takes with her the good wishes and blessings of the Mother Synod, in the promising work upon which she has entered. Her birth-right, in the form of a healthy faith, and a progressive Christian activity, she will prize as a precious legacy, and so help to carry forward the great work, and in a sense, the distinctive mission of the Reformed Church in the United States. She will cooperate with the old Synod, in the central work of sound education and theological culture, as these are fostered and carried forward in the College and Seminary at Lancaster. This is matter for congratu-

lation. It is an evidence of the organic unity and catholic sp that pervaded the mother Synod in advancing the interests o healthful Christianity.

The Synod, as now constituted, is composed of nine Classes, one which, the German Philadelphia Classis, was organized during year. The territory embraced by the Synod is still large; the m bership numbers sixty-five thousand and fifty-three communicants, thirty-two thousand seven hundred and thirty-five baptized memb The number of Ministers belonging to this Synod, is one hundred ninety-two. Here is ample territory to labor in, a large body of Master's sheep and lambs to feed and care for, and thousands besid who are either astray from the fold of Christ, or have never yet b brought within its gates, to feed upon its pastures and to drink at fountain of its life-giving waters.

The reports say, that the Prophetical function of the Christ ministry has been faithful. From the pulpit, and in the more sim direct, and pointed work of catechization, has the Gospel been re larly preached and explained. Each pastor holds, on an average, public services each Lord's day, and proclaims the unsearch riches of Christ, that the saints may become stronger in the f and sinners be converted unto God. The Gospel preached, accor to the reports, is of no uncertain character; it is not an abst visionary, emotional gospel; but a definite, concrete, substantial go always clothing itself in flesh and blood, and so standing in deepest communion and fellowship with our human life in its bro generic character, and, therefore, capable of meeting and satisf the deepest longings and needs of the soul, as well as affording precepts for the regulation of our daily life. It seems never t lost sight of, that the Proto-evangelion, or first gospel, given to parents in Eden after the fall, embodied in those memorable w "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head," and wards published through the Patriarchs and Prophets, and a *fulfilled* in the incarnation of the Son of God, must underlie and dition all true preaching. Thus man is confronted, continually the fact, that what he needs and must have, is not only food fo mind, and precepts for the regulation of his daily walk, but *life* made possible for him by the coming and incarnation of th of God.

The sacraments are held in greater honor than they wer years ago, and a better conception of their nature and design bosom of the Christian system prevails now than formerly. an encouraging fact. Baptism especially, it is said, is bette stood, and there is less neglect now among parents to bring the children, that they may be born of water and of the S so be engrafted into Christ. And it is particularly worthy o that, just in the proportion that parents learn to appreciate t of this sacrament, and so get some right understanding of ings it is designed to convey, they feel and are willing t

ledge the responsibility resting upon them, to see to it, that the baptized children are trained up in the family, in the Sunday school, and in the Catechetical class. When baptism is neglected, and even indirectly, if not directly disparaged, there cannot be that sense of the depravity and helplessness of our fallen human life, and, therefore, of the need of divine grace in the period of infancy, childhood, and youth, which inspires that earnest solicitude and care now more widely discernible than formerly among parents in many of our congregations and charges. All this is encouraging and full of hope for the future.

Owing to the fact, that baptism is more regarded than formerly, there is less difficulty in securing the attendance of the baptized children and youth upon the catechetical services. Catechization is faithfully practiced from four to six months in the year, in nearly, if not all the congregations and charges within the bounds of this Synod. In this way large accessions are made to the communicant membership; and because they are generally carefully instructed in the doctrines of the Catechism, they become, with comparatively few exceptions, faithful and efficient members of the Church, and humble and devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is some complaint made, that the services preparatory to the Lord's Supper are not as well attended as they ought to be. Perhaps this is owing partly to the distracting spirit of the age. The deceitfulness of riches, and the cares of this life, are allowed to monopolize the time and attention of Christians too largely in our day; so that these preparatory services, generally held on a week-day, as well as the regularly weekly services, are not attended as they should be. Then perhaps, too, the ministry do not stir up the minds of their people on this subject, as much as the claims of Christianity, and the interests of individual piety, require at their hands.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated twice a year, not less, in each congregation in all country charges, on an average, and from three to four times in the towns and cities; and always as far as possible, on one of the festival days of the Church. Multitudes avail themselves of this precious privilege offered for their use, and so keep themselves steadfast in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The spirit and practice of benevolence, though by no means yet what might be, and ought to be, is nevertheless steadily, it would seem, on the increase. The Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf has been made instrumentality, by which the love and charity of the Synod, especially the baptized membership of the Synod, has been called out and cultivated. The future looks hopeful for the increase of support of our benevolent operations. If practical charity is fostered and cultivated proportionately for the next ten years, as it has been in the last decade, many of the waste places in our borders will be made to rejoice, the orphans will not cry for bread unheard and unheeded, the College and the Seminary will arise with addi-

tional strength and vigor, and we will be better able to fulfil the important mission entrusted to us by the Great Head of the Church.

The Sunday-school interest seems to claim more attention and creates more concern than formerly. In the country charges, the Sunday-schools are, for the most part, so called *union* schools. This is to be deplored, because of their negative, unsatisfactory character. No distinctive literature is allowed to be introduced, and so the work would seem to be a virtual failure. No adequate remedy seems to be at hand for the present. Where these union schools are held, union churches abound, and so there seems to be no way open for a positive Christian work in this department, in many congregations and charges. There is an earnest cry coming up from many quarters within the limits of this Synod, for a way of deliverance from this anomalous state of things. May the day of deliverance soon come!

Some of the reports show, that there are earnest efforts being inaugurated to divide and to reconstruct charges now entirely too large. Some pastors have as many as half a dozen congregations, containing from one thousand to fifteen hundred communicant members. The pastors cannot attend to the spiritual wants of these people, as is right and necessary. They cannot preach for them as often as they ought, nor can they give them the pastoral care they need. The movement is a good one, and in every way worthy of commendation. It will be far better for the pastor; better for the communicants; better for the baptized membership; better for the pastoral support; better for the cultivation of the Christian grace of charity; better for the Church; and better for the *world*. Let the work of division and reconstruction by all means go forward, and the Synod will have reason to rejoice in the results which will be secured.

Church Literature is being gradually scattered among our people. Books and papers are gradually finding their way into the congregations and families of our people, and so assisting the pastors in their self-denying work. Something has been done; but it is said, that there ought to have been more done. The spirit of inquiry is increasing, and we can do much to stimulate and promote it, by studying the people's needs, and endeavoring to satisfy them.

Altogether, the review of the past year's labors presents many encouraging features. Hindrances, reverses, doubts, difficulties; in a word, conflicts, sharp and decided, with the world, the flesh, and the devil, there have been through all the year. But "Our Lord" has been at the helm, and guided His Church safely through the waters even unto this day: and we have His promise, that He will be with His Church always even unto the end of the world.

The Gospel has been preached, the sacraments administered, the youth trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, alms asked and received, new churches built, and old ones renovated; the sick visited, and the dead buried, and God thanked and praised in the evening and in the morning for His goodness and mercy.

While the health of the ministry has been generally good, so that ew of all our number have been prevented from attending to their fficial duties during the year, our old enemy, death, invaded our anks and prostrated five of our number by the touch of his icy hand. Fathers Mayer, Shellhammer, P. S. Fisher, and W. A. Good, and the Licentiate Herman passed from the labors of the Church Militant into the joy and glory of the Church Triumphant. To this number another must be added. Rev. Samuel Miller, of Philadelphia, has also joined the number of those who have thus gone before; and on the day this Synod opened its sessions, loving hands carried his mortal remains to the silent grave. Of these we say: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports, see Appendix.*)

The following religious exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious services.

2. Rev. Franklin J. Mohr, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, and Elder Edward B. Kramm were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises, who reported from time to time their several appointments. Their report, as finally adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Services respectfully report the following appointments:

Thursday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. Prof. W. E. Krebs.

Friday Evening.—Missionary Meeting—Presiding officer, President of the Board,—Speakers, Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger and Rev. J. W. Steinmetz.

Saturday Evening.—Preparatory Service—Address by Rev. Dr. John Beck.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Reformed Church, Morning.—Communion Service,—
English Address, Rev. C. H. Leinbach;
German " Rev. J. Gantenbein.
Afternoon.—Sunday-school addresses, Rev. Dr. J. C. Bucher, Rev. C. U. Heilman, and Rev. H. A. Keyser.
Evening.—Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart.
Lutheran Church, Morning.—Rev. I. S. Weisz, and
" " *Evening.*—Rev. W. H. H. Snyder.

Presbyterian Church, Morning.—Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer, and
" " *Evening.*—Rev. G. H. Johnston.
Methodist Church, Morning.—Rev. I. E. Graeff, and
" " *Evening.*—Rev. A. B. Shenkle.
Baptist Church, Evening.—Rev. T. Derr.
African Church, Evening.—Rev. C. U. Heilman.
Monday Evening.—Discussion of subjects pertaining to Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
F. J. MOHR,
T. F. HOFFMEIER,
E. B. KRAMM.

The several religious services were observed, according to the appointment of the Committee, except that relating to Sunday-Schools, for the action in regard to which, see Article XVIII, Sunday Schools.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a.) Report of the Board of Trustees.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren: The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary have held three meetings during the past Synodical year and transacted their usual routine of business. At the first meeting, held November 21, 1872, the following officers were elected for the year; viz: Daniel W. Gross, *President*, Edward J. Zahm, *Recording Secretary*, and John B. Roth, *Treasurer*.

At this meeting, your Board considered the various actions of Synod claiming our attention, in the order in which we found them in the Minutes of your body. The first action in relation to the German Professorship. From all the information we were able to gain on this subject, we were led to believe, that it would be impossible to secure a competent agent for this work, and that, even should we succeed in obtaining such a person, our German brethren would not accept the conditions, upon which it was proposed to establish such a Professorship. Under these circumstances, we did not endeavor to push this matter during the past year.

The second item is that relating to the condition of the funds of the Seminary. (See pages 24 and 33 Minutes of Synod.) On this subject we have made diligent inquiry, but are unable to find any evidence, either in the Minutes of Synod, or anywhere else, that any part or particular portion of our funds have been given for the endowment of an exclusively German Professorship in the Seminary.

tatement of the Treasurer which accompanies this report, will it, in detail, the present condition of the Permanent Fund of minary, not making any account of what may be realized from ainfield Bonds.

e third item relates to the settlement of the securities just . Acting under the direction of the Board, and the authority d it by Synod (see Minutes, page 33), the Treasurer issued no- o all the parties, against whom we hold these obligations, desir- em to state, upon what terms they were willing to close up their anding accounts. The result, thus far, has been the payment of principal, and $284, interest, with the promise from other of settlement, which, if fulfilled, will realize about $700 more by pring of 1874. In addition to the bonds which are paid and upon which payment is promised, we have cancelled a considera- mber for various reasons.

ome cases, the parties hold receipts for the payment of their ; in others the persons are long since deceased, and their settled up, rendering it impossible for us to collect, and others are absolutely unable to pay. Had these bonds been regularly and tly watched, much of what is now lost to the Seminary could een secured.

regret to report, that we have not yet begun the erection of minary building for the reasons given in our last annual re- ack of funds to complete it, so as to make it available for the the Seminary. We have now in hand, available for the pur- $7346,92 cash and notes, and other obligations amounting to $8500. With the cash we hold, it is impossible to put a build- ch as we need under roof, and until we are able to do that, and enough of the interior to make the building fit for occupancy, not think ourselves warranted in going forward. In May of esent year, we received the resignation of Rev. John W. Stein- and your Board is now without an agent in the Church to solicit to aid us in building. We have been, and are still, endeavor- secure some one to take his place, but thus far have been un- sful.

desire to call the attention of Synod to the action of Philadelphia , in relation to the bond we hold against it for $500. From the ent of our Treasurer, it will be seen, that $317,50 interest is this obligation. This sum the Treasurer has endeavored to , and it was a letter from him, which drew out the action to we allude. We have not been favored with a copy of this ac- but, from all we can learn of it, we believe it to be equivalent to diation of the whole indebtedness, principal and interest.

this connection, we also request, that Synod urge the other s, against which we hold bonds, to do one of two things; either he principal in full, or else pay the interest promptly when due. Treasurer's account shows a balance of about $600 interest due ese obligations alone.

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Theological Seminary of

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Oct. 16, 1872.		To amt. due Tr			
"	"	"	By "	Rec'd	
" 18,		"	" "	Kieffer	
" 29,	"	To "		paid I	
Nov. 6,	"	"	"	"	I
" 21.	"	"	"	"	I
Dec. 17,	"				I
"	"	"			I

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873.		Amount brought forward,	$746 36	$363 00
. 3, 1873.	To amt. paid	Dr. Apple	150 00	
" "	" "	Dr. Gerhart	300 00	
. 14, "	" "	Prof. Gast	200 00	
. 14, "	" "	Greencastle bank		325 00
" "	" "	Reading bank		30 00
" "	" "	Philadelphia bank		63 00
" "	" "	Farmers & Mechns. bank		77 50
" "	" "	Girard bank		28 50
" "	" "	Chambg. bank		144 00
" "	" "	Lebanon bank		150 00
" "	" fr om	George Sarbaugh		60 00
" "	"	George Carbaugh		60 00
" "	"	D. S. Reisher to April, 1873		240 00
" "	"	Jacob Horst		88 05
" "	"	In'st. on proceeds of 7-20 bds.		171 00
h. 25, 1873.	To amt. paid	Dr. Apple	375 00	
" "	" "	Dr. Gerhart	375 00	
" "	" "	Prof. Gast	200 00	
eb. 11, "	By " rec'd.	George Sarbaugh		40 00
" "	"	Government		333 33
	To amt. bill Wylie & Griest		27 75	
	By bal. in full of J. Horst Int'st. April '73			34 13
		Credit in settlement		501 60
				$2,709.11

Amt. of interest allowed Treasurer, as amt. of excess interest paid for Reisher	280 00
Salary to April 1st, 1873	50 00
Postage and Stationery	5 00
	$2,709 11

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY FUND.

		DR.	CR.
	By amt. in Treasury, Oct. 1872		$282 34
ct. 1872.	To amt. paid Dr. Gerhart	$52 65	
ov. "	" " Dr. Gerhart	29 79	
"	By " rec'd. Dr. Gerhart		6 55
eb. "	To " paid Wachenagle	17 35	
	By int. on money in Treas'y. to April 1, 1873		18 36
			$307.25
	Amt. in Treasury April 1, 1873	207 46	
		$307.25	
	Whole amt. rec'd. from all sources		$1.862 50

Made up of the following items:

John Wiley's bond	$500 00
Philip Fisher's bond	500 00
E. J. Zahm's bond	250 00
Ex-Sheriff Duncan	500 00
Dr. Gerhart, from his father	100 00
Rev. Samuel G. Wagner	12 50
	$1,862.50

Statement of monies received and how paid out, from 1861 *to*

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Tercentenary amount as published 1870		$15,
Plainfield principal		2,
John Johnston "		2,
Josiah Besore principal		1,
Books burnt in Oakes and Austin's warehouse		
Proceeds of sale, Hagerstown bank stock		
Curtailment collected by Wm. Heyser on same		
Cronise Estate		
Amount collected by Rev. J. W. Steinmetz		1,
Tutorship principal		2,
		$26,

CR.

National bank Greencastle,	$6,500 00	
Proceeds 5-20 Government bonds	5,000 00	
Stock bought in Farmers and Mechanics bank, Phila.	100 00	
Stock bought in Lebanon " " "	300 00	
D. S. Reisher's judgment	4,000 00	
Interest and cost on same	1,440 00	
D. S. Reisher	469 05	
Jacob Horst judgment	3,868 81	
John Mish	1,000 00	
Rev. D. Weiser	500 00	
George Besore	500 00	
G. S. Griffith	500 00	
Paid Dr. Philip Schaff, book money	119 21	
Curtailment of Hagerstown bank stock put with P. B. Interest	110 00	
Five shares Chambg. bank stock	400 00	
	$24,807.07	
Credit in settlement	501 60	
	$25,308.67	25
Balance of Permanent Fund uninvested April 1st, 1873.		$1

JOHN R. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Sem of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

1873.				
April 27.	To int. rec'd. on		Bond of J. Wiest, to January 1, 1873	
" 30.	"	"	Kieffer & Cook Legacy	
May 12.	divnd.	"	Girard Bank stock, to May 1, 1873	
"	"	"	Frms., and Mchcs. Bk. Phila. May 1, 1873.	
"	"	"	Phila. National Bank, May 1, 1873	
June 9.	int.	"	Bond of Zion's Classis, May 1, 1873	
" 16.	"	"	East Susquehanna Classis, January 1, 1873	
July 2.	"	"	Bond of W. E. Schmertz, " "	
" 3.	divnd.	"	Chambersburg Bank stock. July 1, 1873	
" "	"	"	Farmers' Bank Reading, July 1, 1873	
" 18.	"	"	Greencastle Bank stock, July 1, 1873	
"	"	"	Lebanon Bank stock, July 1, 1873	
" 27.	int.	"	account N. S. Strassburger's Plainfi'd bond	
August 27.	"	"	W. K. Zieber's Plainfield bond	
" 29.	"	"	account bond of W. Susquehanna Classis	
"	"	"	Yellow Creek cong., Plainfield bond	
			Amount carried forward,	$1,

		Amount brought forward	$1,424 60
1.	To	int. on F. Pontius, Plainfield bond	25 00
0.	To	amt. for Scholarship, in F. & M. Col., (one year.)	18 00
7.	To	int. in full on N. S. Strassburger's Plnfl'd. bd. Jan. 1,1873.	100 00
0.		" " E. Penn. Tutorship, bond to Jan. 1, 1873.	85 00
		" " Plainfield bond of Geo. H. Small, in full..	100 00
		" " bond of Maryland Classis, to Oct. 1, 1873.	25 75
		" from A. B. Wingerd, in full to October 1, 1873..	207 00
		" " Jacob Horst, in full to October 1, 1873	116 06
		Amount due Treasurer, Oct. 1, 1873	65 59
			$2,167.00

CR.

15.	By	amount paid Coho & Harlins' coal bill	$39 00
6.		" " I. C. Rooney Janitor, to July 1, 1873	25 00
7.		" " Geo. Werntz bill	20 90
1.		" " P. Myer's bill	26 00
1.		" " Geo. Werntz bill	7 00
5.		" " Geo. Pennock bill	5 00
19.		" " F. A. Gast's salary to July 1, 1873	200 00
2.		" " Thomas G. Apple, D. D. " "	375 00
14.		" " E. V. Gerhart, D. D. " "	375 00
19.		" " I. C. Roonoy Janitor, salary to Oct. 1, 1873	25 00
ust 4.		" " Inquirer printing bill	2 25
. 4.		" " McComsey & Co., coal bill	54 20
8.		" " H. G. Smith, printing bill	4 25
22.		" " F. A. Gast, salary to October 1, 1873	200 00
26.		" " Thomas G. Apple, salary to October 1, 1873.	375 00
29.		" " E. V. Gerhart, " " "	375 00
30.		" " A. B. Deitrich's bill	3 50
"		" " Postage	5 00
"		" " Treasurer's salary to October 1, 1873	50 00
			$2,167.00

LANCASTER, OCT. 10th, 1873.

We the undersigned Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Theologi- Seminary of the Reformed Church, having examined the account of John B. th, Esq., Treasurer of said Board, and compared his vouchers, find it correct.

GEO. W. HENSEL,
WM. A. WILT,
J. R. CUSHWA. } *Audg. Committee.*

Statement of Seminary Investments, and interest due on same, to October 1st, 1873.

		VALUE.		
5 Shares of Harrisburg Bridge stock, pays no interest.				
1 Tutorship bond of Philadelphia Classis		$500 00	Interest due to Oct. 1873,	$317 60
" " Zion's Classis. Int., paid to May 13th, 1873.		1,000 00	" " "	25 00
" " E. Susq., " " January 1st,, 1873		500 00	" " "	22 50
" " E. Pennsylvania Classis		500 00	" " "	22 50
" " Maryland Classis		350 00	" " "	
" " Mercersburg Classis		1,000 00	" " "	45 00
" " Lebanon Classis		500 00	" " "	34 50
" " W. Susq., Classis		338 00	" " "	64 12
" " Goshenhoppen Classis		500 00	" " "	112 50
1 Bond of B. C. Wolf		250 00	" " "	108 00
" " John Wiest. Interest paid to January 1st, 1873		1,000 00	" " "	45 00
" " Daniel Weiser, bears no interest		500 00		
" " Geo. Besore		500 00	" " "	60 00
" " G. S. Griffith		500 00	" " "	22 50
" " Geo. Carbaugh		2,000 00	" " "	60 00
" " Geo. Sarbaugh		3,000 00	" " "	90 00
" " Daniel S. Reisher	$4,000 00			
" " " "	1,440 00	5,909 05	" " "	177 27
" " " "	469 05			
" " Jacob Horst		3,868 81		
1 Note of A. B. Wingerd		5,000 00		
53 Shares Chambersburg Bank Stock, cost, interest paid July 1, 1873.		2,650 00		
12 Shares Girard Bank Stock, divnd., paid to May 1, 1873		4,80 00		
65 " Greencastle Bank Stock, dividend, paid to July 1, 1873		6,500 00		
19 " Farmers' Bank, Reading, " " "		570 00		
30 " Farmers & Mchncs., Bank, Phila., divnd., paid July 1, 1873.		1,550 00		
9 " Philadelphia Bank, dividend paid to May 1, 1873		900 00		
30 " Lebanon National Bank, " " May 1, 1873		1,500 00		
Kieffer Fund		9,500 00	" " "	285 00
Cook Fund		1,200 00	" " "	40 77
A. B. Wingerd, uninvested Principal in his hands		1,349 29		
1 Bond of W. F. Schmerlin, interest paid July 1, 1873		500 00	" " "	22 50
1 Bond of John Wiest		500 00		172 50
		$54,915.15	Back interest due to Oct. 1, 1873.	$1,727.16

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with Library Fund of the Theological Seminary.*

DR.

1873. April 15,	To int., rec'd. from John Miley, to April 1, 1873....	$45 00
May 3,	" " Philip Fisher, to " "	105 00
Sept. 10,	" " E. J. Zahm, to May 29, 1873.....	28 00
"	" " A. B. Wingerd, to Oct. 1, 1873...	21 00
		$199.00

CR.

1873. April 18,	By amt. paid Lutheran Publication Society bill	$ 3 44	
August 8,	" " F. W. Christern's bill	21 67	
" 29,	" " Inquirer Printing office	1 50	
Oct. 1,	Balance in hands of Treasurer	172 39	
		$199 00	

Statement of Fund.

	1 Bond of John Miley.....	$500 00
	" " Philip Fisher.....	500 00
	" " E. J. Zahm.....	250 00
April 1, 1873.	Cash in hands of A. B. Wingerd.....	612 50
	Total of Fund.....	$1862 50
April 1, 1873.	Also a balance of accumulated interest in hands of A. B. Wingerd.....	$207 46

Removal Fund account of Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, first Agency.

DR.

1873. Oct. 4,	To cash received per D. W. Gross.....	$1,725 60
"	To interest on same, to date.....	86 28
" 7,	Cash received per D. W. Gross.....	1,141 27
		$2,953.15

Statement of Smaltz Fund.

1873. April 1,	To Principal of Fund.....	$5000 00	

DR.

April 1,	To interest received by Treasurer.....	$50 00	
Oct. 9,	" J. Musselman, to Oct. 1, 1873.....	30 00	80 00

CR.

Oct. 1,	By amt. paid for Beneficiary Education.....	25 00	25 00
	Balance in hand.....		$55 00

Plainfield Bond Account.

DR.

	For amount received on principal of bonds to October 1873.....	$170 00	
Oct. 1, 1873.	To amt. rec'd., as interest on bonds.....	284 00	
			$454.00

Statement of Notes and Cash received by John B. Roth, Treasurer, from John W. Steinmetz's second Agency for the Theological Seminary.

Sundry notes for the Theological Seminary, from April 15, 1872, to April 25, 1873	$7,015 00	
Sundry receipts from persons holding obligations for collct.,	479 50	
	$7,494.50	
Less cash paid agent on account of notes	341 00	
Actual value of notes received by Treasurer		$7,153
Cash received by Treasurer from Agent		3,294
Total received for Seminary		$10,447
Notes received for Pittsburg Professorship		2,921
Total received by Treasurer		$13,368

1873. DR.

April 25,	To cash received from Agent, second agency	$3,294
Oct. 9,	" " by Treasurer on notes for Seminary	2,702
" 9,	" " by Treasurer on Pittsburg. Prof.	734
" 4,	" " " per D. W. Gross, collection made by him on obligations had by J. W. S., first agency	2,953
		$9,683

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April 25,	By amt. paid salary of agent in full	$1,336 07	
	" " Traveling expenses	226 43	
	" " deducted for Pittsburg Prof.	734 00	
	Post. stamp, circulars, &c.	40 05	
			2,336.55
Oct. 9,	Total cash balance in hands of Treasurer, for building purposes		$7,346.92

Copy of Paper accompanying the Smaltz Donation.

PHILADELPHIA, MARCH 10th, 1873.

To keep in pleasant remembrance, the strong attachment of my deceased husband, Rev. John Henry Smaltz, to the (German) Reformed Church, and to carry out a wish often expressed by him, I hereby give to "The Theological Seminary of the (German) Reformed Church in the United States" at Lancaster, Pa., five thousand dollars.

It is my desire, that said sum shall be kept invested in a good mortgage or ground rent, and the income derived therefrom, be devoted to the education and support of pious, talented, self denying, and indigent young men, while in said Seminary, who are willing to spend the first three years, at least, of their ministry in preaching the gospel of the Son of God, to the destitute in our own, or in foreign lands.

I sincerely hope, that said fund shall always be held sacred and inviolate, and not be appropriated to any other purpose, than that for which I have designated it. CATHARINE SMALTZ.

Report of the Board of Visitors.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Dear Brethren—According to established usage, the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary respectfully submit the following as their annual report:

During the past year the operations of the Seminary have been carried forward successfully, and with manifest indications of the Divine favor and blessing. As a vital and central institution of the Church, it has continued to subserve the object of its establishment, and, as in years gone by, sent forth streams of blessings to our denomination at large.

At the opening of the year the following persons were admitted to the *Junior Class:* J. C. Bowman, S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. N. Ditmar, J. A. Gerhard, G. C. Hall, J. A. W. Hetrick, J. B. Kerschner, W. F. Lichtner, S. M. Otto, A. Shulenberger, D.M. Whitmore, and Z. A. Yearick. The *Middle Class* consisted of H. D. Darbaker, J. F. De Long, J. W. Dengler, J. D. Detrick, J. Dotterer, W. H. Gutelius, D. P. Le Fever, J. H. Pennebaker, S. B. Shaffer, and W. C. Schaeffer. Of this number, *W. Howard Gutelius*, by a mysterious dispensation of divine providence, was called away from the earth to his heavenly reward. He had struggled successfully against many difficulties in the prosecution of his studies, and had before him the prospect of soon entering upon the duties of the holy ministry, the object of his heartfelt wishes and desires. But his heavenly Master had ordered otherwise. He possessed many gifts that would have rendered him a successful laborer in the ministry. These had been improved and cultivated with much care and diligence on his part. We deeply regret his loss to the ministry, and with all who knew him, bear cheerful testimony to his exemplary conduct as a disciple and follower of Christ.

The *Senior Class*, consisting of C. Clever, D. S. Dieffenbacher, H. M. Kieffer, H. King, and A. S. Stauffer, having sustained their final examination, received the usual certificate of Dismission and Recommendation for Licensure. They have all entered upon the active duties of the ministry. The whole number of students in attendance during the year was twenty-seven. Mr. N. C. Schaeffer, a former member of the Senior Class, but absent by permission, obtained further leave of absence to pursue his studies in the universities of Germany.

The proper efficiency of the Seminary has been, to some extent, defeated during the year, by the absence of the students, who were compelled to leave for a longer or shorter time, for the purpose of replenishing their exhausted funds by teaching, or in some other way. The Board, however, have adopted such measures as will prevent, as we hope, such irregularities in the future. But the Classes should be more prompt in supplying their beneficiaries with the funds promised to them, so that they may pursue their studies throughout the year without interruption or distraction of mind. Otherwise, the moral tone of the Institution has been well sustained. Both professors and

students have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and the progress of the latter in their studies has been encouraging to the Institution. It is believed that they have grown in grace and knowledge. The examinations of the students at the close of the year extended over a wide range of subjects, and were listened to with close scrutiny by the different members of the Board. They proved entirely satisfactory. Whilst they showed that the students were required to pass over the wide circle of theological science, they also gave evidence, that the doctrines taught were scriptural, evangelical and Reformed, and well calculated to prepare the students to be efficient laborers in our branch of the great kingdom of God on earth.

The following action was adopted by the Board in regard to Rev. F. A. Gast, who has been serving the Seminary acceptably as Theological Tutor in the department of Hebrew and Biblical Theology:

Resolved, That Rev. F. A. Gast be recommended to Synod as Tutor for another year in the Seminary, on the same terms as during the previous year.

Whereas, The Tutorship in the Seminary has become modified practically, so that the Tutor is elected from year to year; and whereas the Tutor is left uncertain each year as it regards his re-election, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to the Synod that the appointment of Tutor be permanent, and that in case of any change, six months previous notice be given by the party desiring the change.

There have been thirty-two beneficiaries under our care as a Board of Education. Of these three have finished their studies and entered the ministry, and four have been aided. The amount contributed for their support through our Treasurer was $3,748.05. Last year it was $5,261.25. Disbursed, $3,799.10. Balance due the Treasurer October 15, 1873, $85.86. Balance due the Treasurer October 16, 1872, $51.05. For further particulars in regard to the finances of the Board, we refer the Synod to the Treasurer's report.

At the last annual meeting of the Board in May, the Treasurer reported that the Board owed him as Treasurer over $1,500, for monies advanced by him to students from time to time. As the Treasurer did not expect to receive this amount of money by contributions to the General Board for some time, and as moreover it was needed immediately, the Board instructed its officers to apportion this amount, $1,500, among the different Classes of the two Eastern Synods, and to request their co-operation in raising the amounts assigned them at their meetings last spring. The President and Secretary immediately attended to this duty, and presented the matter to the different Classes at their annual meetings. Some of them assumed the amount proportioned to them, whilst others did not. In these circumstances the Board directed the Secretary to bring the matter to the attention of the Synod, with the hope that the Synod will devise such measures as will enable the Board to pay off this indebtedness with as little delay as possible.

During the past year the aged widow of the late Rev. J. H. Smaltz, in accordance with the wishes of her deceased husband, as is well known, made a gift to the Theological Seminary of $5,000, the interest of which, under certain conditions, is to be devoted to the support of some theological student. In regard to this generous gift, the Board adopted the following recommendation to Synod, which is hereby presented:

Resolved, That the Board recommend to Synod to designate Mr. George Zacharias, the son of the late Dr. Daniel Zacharias, of happy memory, and at the present time a student in the Seminary, as the first incumbent of the "Smaltz Gift."

The Board was organized at the last meeting of Synod by the election of Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer as President; Dr. S. R. Fisher as Treasurer, and Dr. Theodore Appel as Secretary.

It may be proper to add, that the Seminary still labors under the disadvantage of having no suitable building for its own separate use. This want, however, will, it is believed, be met during the coming year. The increase of students during the present term is encouraging, and the number in attendance during the coming year will be considerably larger than it was during former years.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Education of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

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By cash received from the Classis of East Pennsylvania....		$ 10 00
"	Lebanon.....	860 14
"	Zion.....	209 04
"	Philadelphia.....	164 96
"	Maryland.....	61 00
"	Mercersburg.....	933 47
"	Goshenhoppen	543 99
"	Lancaster.....	75 00
"	East Susquehanna.....	28 50
"	West Susquehanna.....	575 81
"	Iowa, (English).....	20 00
"	Int. and Dividends.....	164 33
"	Refunded	15 00
"	Miscellaneous.....	52 00
Balance due Treasurer.....		85 86
		$3,799 10

DR.

To balance due Treasurer, October, 1872, $51 05		
To cash paid beneficiaries of Classis of Lebanon.....	770 48	
Carried over	$821 53	$3,799 10

	DR.	CR.
Amount brought over	$821 53	$3,799 10
Zion	150 00	
Philadelphia	59 47	
Mercersburg	1,138 00	
Goshenhoppen	495 69	
East Susquehanna	155 00	
West Susquehanna	595 91	
Iowa, (English)	20 00	
General	300 00	
Interest	60 00	
Expenses	3 50	
		$3,799 10

Permanent Assets.

Same as previously reported.....$2,738 44

Indebtedness.

Loan.....$1,000 00

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received, taken up item by item, amended, and then adopted. The action on the resolution endorsing the teachings of the Professors in the Theological Seminary was taken by a rising vote, without discussion. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

I. *Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

From this report it appears, that, during the past year, the Board held three meetings. At the first meeting held November 21, 1872, the Board was organized by electing D. W. Gross, *President*, Edw. J. Zahm, *Recording Secretary*, and John B. Roth, *Treasurer*.

We learn from this report, that the Board was unable to place an Agent in the field to secure funds for the endowment of a German Professorship in the Theological Seminary; that, with regard to the condition of the funds of the Seminary, they find no evidence, that any particular portion of these funds was given for an exclusively German Professorship; that the Treasurer of the Board made suitable efforts to settle the outstanding Plainfield Bonds, and with but partial success, finding it even necessary to cancel a considerable number of these Bonds without the payment of either principal or interest; that the erection of a Seminary Building has not yet been commenced for the want of sufficient funds, the whole amount of available funds for this purpose being $7,346,92 in cash, and in notes, $8,500,00—total, 15,846,92; that the resignation of Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, as Agent of the Theological Seminary, was accepted, and the Board has hitherto failed to secure the services of another

an; that the Philadelphia Classis has virtually repudiated the principal and interest of a tutorship Bond of $500 held against said Classis, and Synod is requested to urge that Classis and other Classes against whom similar Bonds are held, either to pay the principal in full or to pay the interest promptly; that the total interest bearing endowment fund is $54,415.15, a sum insufficient to meet the current expenses of the Seminary; that the sum of $5000,00 was received as a gift from Mrs. Catharine Smaltz, widow of Rev. John Henry Smaltz, deceased, to be held in trust for certain uses named in the paper of conveyance.

In regard to these statements and requests, your Committee would recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary continue the consideration and discussion of the ways and means necessary to secure the endowment of a German Professorship in the Seminary.

2. That the Board of Trustees be instructed to continue to use all proper methods to collect both the principal and interest of yet outstanding Plainfield Bonds.

3. That the Board be requested to adopt such plan of building for the Theological Seminary, as will enable them to erect a portion of it with the cash and notes now in hand, and that they begin the erection of such part of the building as soon as possible.

4. That the Theological Tutorship be changed into a full professorship, to be known as the Professorship of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology, and that the election be held at this meeting of Synod to fill this professorship with an incumbent.

5. That the Classes and individuals, who have given Theological Tutorship bonds, be urgently requested either to pay the principal of these bonds in full, or promptly to pay the interest thereon when due.

6. That the Board of Trustees be directed to appoint an agent to collect funds for the Seminary as soon as the financial condition of the country will warrant it.

It is with great pleasure, that your Committee is able to inform the Synod, that during the past year, Mrs. Catharine Smaltz, widow of Rev. John Henry Smaltz, in order "to keep in pleasant remembrance the strong attachment of her deceased husband to the German Reformed Church, and to carry out a wish often expressed by him," has donated the sum of $5000,00 to the Theological Seminary, the income of which "is to be devoted to the education and support of pious, talented, self-denying young men, while in the Seminary," on the condition that they "spend the first three years, at least, of their ministry in preaching the Gospel of the Son of God to the destitute in our own, or in foreign lands."

In regard to this donation, &c., your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are due and are hereby tendered to Mrs. Catharine Smaltz, for her liberal donation to the Theological Seminary.

Resolved further, That we empower the Board of Education t nominate and appoint the Beneficiaries of this fund, subject to th conditions of the donation.

II. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

From this report we learn, that the operations of the Seminar have been carried forward successfully and with manifest indication of the divine favor and blessing, during the past year. While th efficiency of the Seminary was to some extent impaired by the absenc of some of the beneficiary students, which absence was compelle by lack of funds, during the year, the Board reports the gratifyin fact, that it has adopted measures which, it is believed, will prevent such absence in the future.

There have been thirty two students under the care of the Board, during the year, of which number three have finished their studies and entered the ministry. Four new beneficiaries have been taken up by the Board, making the whole number now under its care thirty-three.

The Treasurer reports the receipts, during the year, as amounting to $3748 05—over against $5261,25 received last year. Disbursemon's, during the year $3799,10. Balance due the Treasurer, October 15, 1873, $85,56.

The Board also reports, that Rev. F. A. Gast has served the Seminary acceptably as Theological Tutor, in the department of Hebrew and Biblical Theology, during the year, and recommends that he be appointed for another year, and that, instead of, as heretofore, electing this tutor from year to year, the appointment be made permanent.

Several of the items contained in this report have already been brought to the attention of your Committee by the report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, and we have already recommended suitable action in regard to them. In regard to other suggestions and requests made therein, we would recommend the following action:

Resolved, 1. That inasmuch as there is now a larger attendance of students in the Theological Seminary than ever before in its history, it is a matter of thanksgiving, that the Seminary is in so flourishing a condition, and that the instructions imparted therein, by the several professors, continue to be Scriptual, Evangelical, and Reformed.

2. That the Classes, which have not yet paid up the apportionment for Beneficiary Education laid upon them by the Board of Visitors, as well as those Classes which have not yet taken favorable action in regard to this apportionment, be requested and urged to attend to this matter as soon as possible.

3. That all the Classes be requested to adopt measures to increase their contributions to the cause of Beneficiary Education, and to be

more prompt and regular in remitting the same to the students under their care.

III. PLAN OF UNION.

In regard to the paper referred to your Committee, containing the action of the Synod of the Potomac on the plan of Union for the support and control of the Theological Seminary proposed by this Synod to the Synods of the Potomac and of Pittsburgh, your Committee would report, that the Synod of the Potomac declines to accept the proposed plan of Union, for the reason, that it deems said plan too complicated for successful operation, and in lieu thereof, requests this Synod to elect a due proportion of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors, from the Synod of the Potomac, which Trustees and Visitors shall be nominated by the Synod of the Potomac, and that an annual report from each of said Boards shall be sent to the Synod of the Potomac, provided, that this plan of Union, if adopted by the Synod of the United States, shall in no way be construed so as to prejudice or condition, directly or indirectly, the freedom of action of the Synod of the Potomac in following out any educational policy said Synod may see fit to devise; and provided further, that no agent or agents be sent within the limits of said Synod for the collection of funds without the consent of that Synod.

In regard to this action of the Synod of the Potomac touching this matter, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, whilst this Synod regrets, that the plan of Union for the support and control of the Theological Seminary proposed to the Synod of the Potomac did not meet with the approbation of that Synod, yet, as it is desirable that some bond of union and co-operation should continue to exist for the support and control of the Theological Seminary between these Synods, the plan proposed by the Synod of the Potomac be adopted by this Synod, and the nomination of a due proportion of the members of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, be granted to the Synod of the Potomac.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BECK.
JOHN W. STEINMETZ.
G. B. DECHANT.
JOSEPH FREDERICK.
O. L. SCHREIBER.

The following additional resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the force of the action of this Synod, touching the Theological Tutorship, shall not be so construed as to invalidate the pledge given to our German brethren at the Synod of Pottstown, and that whenever they shall be disposed to accept such pledge, they shall have the full benefit of the same.

Resolved, That this Synod approve of the action of the Board of Visitors in the assessment made by it for the payment of the indebtedness of the Board, and that the Synod of the Potomac be respectfully requested to direct the attention of its Classes to the apportionment laid upon them.

IV. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.

Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, Jam Cushwa, Edward J. Zahm, David B. Russell, Charles Santee, Jo Heilman, Owen L. Schreiber, David Eshbach, William A. Wi John B. Roth, and George W. Hensel, of the former Board were tained, and in the place of those whose names are omitted, Wil H. Seibert, of Harrisburg, Pa., Daniel B. Mauger, of Douglass Pa., Wm. J. Baer, of Somerset, Pa., and T. J. Craig and Wil Schmertz, of Pittsburg, Pa., were elected.

Board of Visitors.

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., Amos H. Kremer, D.D., Daniel Heisler, Charles H. Leinbach, Samuel G. Wagner, Charles F. Cauley, D.D., Theodore Appel, D.D., Jacob O. Miller, D.D., Willi K. Zieber, D.D., and John M. Titzel, of the former Board were tained. In the place of those whose names are omitted, Rev. Geo B. Russell, D.D., and John Beck, D.D., were elected.

A telegram was received from the Corresponding Secretary of t Synod of Pittsburgh, announcing, that the Plan of Union for t management and support of the Theological Seminary had be adopted, and proposing nominations, from which to choose their pr portion of representation in the Boards of Trustees and Visitors; an respect was had to these nominations, in the election of the membe of these Boards.

V. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The resolutions in reference to the election of a Professor of Biblical Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, the further consideration of which had been postponed by the last Synod until the present sessions, were taken up, in connection with the action of Synod on the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, and after some discussion, the further consideration of the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The Synod of last year referred the propriety of a semi-centennial anniversary of the Founding of the Theological Seminary to the Faculty and Alumni of that Institution. No report was received from the Faculty or Alumni. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of last Synod be reiterated, and that the Faculty be requested to report at the next annual sessions of Synod.

The Committee appointed by the Synod at Martinsburg, W. Va., to perfect the plan of union between this Synod and the Synods of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac, in regard to the control and support of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., reported, stating that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and had submitted their report to the Synod convened in special session in February last, at Lancaster, Pa.

The commissioners appointed by the Synod at its special sessions in Lancaster, Pa., to lay before the Synods of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac, the Plan of Union in the control and support of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., who had likewise been entrusted with the duty of perfecting, in co-operation with commissioners from the same Synods, a plan of union, also, in reference to the work of Missions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The undersigned Commissioners, appointed at a special meeting of the Synod of the United States, convened in Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 19th, 1873, to lay before the Synods of the Potomac and Pittsburgh a plan of co-operation in the management, control and support of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, respectfully report—

That they were present at the first meeting of the Synod of the Potomac, convened in Frederick City, Md., on the 18th of April last, and attended to the duty assigned them, and herewith lay before your reverend body the action taken by the Synod of the Potomac.

Action of the Synod of the Potomac on the Overture from the Synod of the United States.

"The matter was referred to a committee of one from each Classis, consisting of Rev. S. N. Callender, E. R. Eshbach, P. M. Trexler, and Elders Israel Laucks and Jacob Heyser. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, viz.:

The committee to whom was referred the proposed plan of union of the Synod of the United States, Synod of Pittsburgh and this Synod, for the support and control of the Theological Seminary and the management of the interest of Missions, would respectfully report—

That they had a conference with the Commissioners appointed by the Synod of the United States to present this subject to this body, and that, after careful deliberation, they would beg to present the following as their report:

WHEREAS this Synod, having rights and privileges in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in common with the Synod of the

United States; and WHEREAS the Synod of the United States has overtured this Synod to exercise these rights and privileges in the election of a certain proportion of the Trustees and Board of Visitors to assist in the management of the Seminary, and has proposed a plan for the accomplishment of this purpose, to be perfected by the co operation of the Synod of Pittsburgh,

Resolved, That this Synod deems the plan proposed too complicated for successful operation, and in lieu thereof requests the Synod of the United States to elect a due proportion of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors from this Synod, which Trustees and Visitors shall be nominated by this Synod, and that an annual report from each of said Boards shall be sent to this body.

Resolved, That, in thus complying with the request of the Synod of the United States, this action shall in no way be construed so as to prejudice or condition, directly or indirectly, the freedom of action of this Synod in following out any educational policy which she may see fit to devise; nor shall this action be so taken as to allow the sending of an agent or agents within the limits of this Synod for the collection of funds, without the express consent of this body.

Resolved, further, That a committee be appointed to confer with a like committee from the Synod of the United States, as proposed by said body, upon the subject of Missions, and to devise a plan of co-operation on that subject, to be submitted to the several Synods interested.

The committee called for in the last resolution consists of the Board of Missions, viz.: Rev. J. O. Miller, E. R. Eshbach, W. K. Zieber, W. R. H. Deatrich, and Elders W. A. Wilt, H. Wirt, and G. S. Griffith.

Committee on Boundary.

The following committee, consisting of Rev. J. A. Peters, F. A. Rupley, and Elder J. P. Hassler, was appointed to act in conjunction with similar committees from the other two eastern District Synods, to determine the boundaries between the three eastern District Synods.

Additional Resolution.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to transmit to Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer, Chairman of the Commission from the Synod of the United States, a certified copy of the action of this Synod in regard to the overture from that Synod, and that the Commission be requested to bear our Christian greeting and assurance, that we are in full theological sympathy with the Synod of the United States."

I hereby certify that the foregoing action is a true copy from the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac, held in Frederick, Md., April 18th–22d, A. D. 1873.

WM. M. DEATRICK,
Stated Clerk Synod of the Potomac.

One of your Commissioners, the Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple, is, at the present time, in attendance upon the sessions of the Synod of Pittsburgh, with the hope of reporting its action in relation to the Seminary, in time for the deliberations of this body.

Your Commissioners also met in conference with similar commissioners from the other two Synods in York, Pa., on the 30th of September last, to mature a plan of union in the work of missions.

After earnest and prayerful deliberation, the *conference* agreed upon the following plan of operations to be submitted to the favorable consideration of the three Synods:

BALTIMORE, OCT. 13, 1873.

To the Reverend Synod of the United States:

The Conference implied by the appointment of your special Commissioners to consult with similar representatives from the Synod of the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synod, was held at Lancaster, Aug. 28th, and adjourned to York, Sept. 30th, 1873.

At these sessions each of the several Synods mentioned was duly represented. The object of the Conference was to consult as to the feasibility of carrying forward, in some organic way and under a central management, the Home Missionary work within the bounds of these Synods.

After mature deliberation, the Conference unanimously agreed upon the desirableness of such an organic union, and respectfully recommend to each of the Synods above named, the following preamble and resolution for their adoption:

Inasmuch as the General Synod's Board of Missions has been practically inoperative for several years past, and inasmuch as the Board of the General Synod has granted permission to the District Synods, to carry on their missionary operations in their own way; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Synod of Pittsburgh and the Synod of the Potomac, fully persuaded of the advantages of united, hearty action in this good and pressing cause, hereby agree among themselves in the following articles for jointly carrying forward this blessed work.

I. Of Committees or Boards of Missions.

Each District Synod shall elect a Committee or Board of Missions.

II. Of the Executive Council.

As soon as possible after the election of these boards, they shall hold a joint meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon by their respective chairmen, and elect from their number four persons, who shall be members of an *Executive Council*, the duties of which are hereinafter specified.

III. Of the Superintendent of Missions.

There shall be a Superintendent of Missions, who shall have the

general oversight of this work, as carried forward by the several Synods co operating.

At the joint meeting of the Boards of Missions, they shall elect a general Treasurer, who shall receive and disburse all funds upon approval by the Executive Council of warrants countersigned by the Superintendent.

The authority of the Executive Council shall be general; they shall be the counsellors of the General Superintendent, and through him, carry into execution in an efficient manner what is determined upon by the joint meetings of the Boards; they shall have authority to act directly upon all such matters as may demand action during the interim between the meetings of the Boards.

The Superintendent shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Executive Council, as well as of the several Boards of Missions and of the same when assembled in joint meeting.

Whenever an election is required, the Executive Council shall nominate to the several Synods one or more suitable persons for the office of Superintendent, and the vote of a majority of the Synods shall be sufficient to elect.

In case of a vacancy in the Superintendency, the Executive Council shall have power to fill the same temporarily, until the next annual meetings of the Synods, when they shall nominate one or more candidates for election by the Synods.

The term of office of the Superintendent shall be four years, and he may be re-elected if it be thought proper.

The term of office of the members of the Boards and of the Executive Council shall also be four years; but the Synods may, if they choose, elect a portion of their Boards annually, and the Boards in the same way may provide for the election of members of the Executive Council at their joint meetings.

The particular duties of the General Superintendent, his salary, &c., shall be determined by the Executive Council.

The Superintendent shall present an annual report to each of the District Synods.

The Committee or Board of each District Synod shall devise plans and means, as they shall provide within themselves, for promoting the cause of missions within the bounds of their Synod, such as organizing missionary societies, holding missionary conventions, securing funds, and taking the general oversight of the missionary cause, so far as not provided for by, or may not interfere with, the duties of the Executive Council and General Superintendent.

There shall be at least one annual joint meeting of the several Boards, which shall be held shortly before the yearly meetings of the Synods, with special reference to presenting the work of the past and suggesting that of the coming year, in proper form as brought before them in the report of the Superintendent. All matters not determined by the action of the Synodical Boards shall be passed on at this meeting.

These are presented for adoption as general articles of agreement by the respective Synods. It is believed, that they are sufficient to inaugurate and carry forward the work of missions with new vigor and greater efficiency. They may be improved and amended from time to time by the action of the Synods, and they may be supplemented by the different Boards and the Executive Council, in reference to such points as are not here provided for.

The Conference presents the name of Rev. F. K. Levan, of Pittsburgh Synod, as a suitable person for the office of General Superintendent of Missions, and respectfully asks that an election be held in his case.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER, *President.*
E. R. ESHBACH, *Secretary.*

With the fervent prayer that the Great Head of the Church will lead us to such united action in furtherance of the vital interests involved, this report is respectfully submitted.

A. H. KREMER.
THOS. G. APPLE.
ED. J. ZAHM.

October 16th, 1873.

The portion of this report relating to the Theological Seminary was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary, and that relating to Missions, to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from Robert C. Weaver, of Nazareth, Pa., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, in which, for reasons assigned, he asks permission to pursue a course of theological studies, preparatory to entrance upon the duties of the Christian ministry, under some private instructor. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That his request be granted, and that he be placed under the care of the East Pennsylvania Classis.

In report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary adopted by Synod, it was recommended, that the Theological Tutorship be changed to a full Professorship, of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology, and that an election be held at this meeting of Synod, to fill this professorship with an incumbent. In connection with the adoption of this recommendation, it was

Resolved, That Synod proceed to nominate a candidate, or candidates, for filling the professorship provided for in this report, and that the election be held to-morrow morning [Tuesday] at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. Frederick Augustus Gast was accordingly nominated, and with this the nominations closed.

At the hour appointed, Synod proceeded to the election of a professor in the Theological Seminary. Prior to entering upon the election, the Synod engaged in religious exercises. After singing a hymn, the Synod was led in prayer by the Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.

Rev. Martin A. Smith and George H. Johnston, were appointed t lers, who received the ballots and counted them, and reported t result through the President of Synod. Thirty-four votes were c in favor of the Rev. Mr. Gast, one voted in the negative, and o *non-liquet*. Mr. Gast was accordingly declared elected. The offic of Synod were instructed to make out the usual call to the Profes elect, and the Rev. Drs. Samuel R. Fisher, Charles F. McCauley, a John Beck, were appointed a committee to inaugurate him in h office.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Missions, a referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Board of Missions offer the following as their report:

At the close of your last annual meeting held at Martinsburg, V Va., the newly elected members of the Board of Missions, being t same you had chosen the year previous, organized by electing J. (Miller, President, W. K. Zieber, Corresponding Secretary, E. I Eshbach, Recording Secretary, and W. A. Wilt, Treasurer. T Board found itself indebted to Missionaries, with the beginning the year, for salaries, to the amount of $1,363.99; with as yet a thing but a living and truly healthy missionary spirit in the Synod cheer us on to the work,—and yet, there was the dawn of bett things, which gave us hope. We need scarcely remark, that, duri the preceding year, we had accomplished but little in our office, exce to keep the interest alive, owing to the fact, that we were restrict on every side. And on account of the peculiar spirit which th prevailed, and circumstances which we need not mention, we cou scarcely hope to do much more during the Synodical year that h just ended.

The past year has been one of transition in our history, when, n only new plans of missions were proposed, and in preparation, b when, amidst much agitation and excitement in the Church at lar this Synod was preparing to divide itself into two separate and disti bodies—an act always more or less demoralizing until it is past. T act is now an accomplished fact,—and the best feeling continues exist between these Synods. The younger Synod, to which most your Board belong, has named itself the "Synod of the Potoma whilst you retain the ancient title of the Synod of the United Stat with its prestige and corporate privileges.

We should have gladly declined this office after the experience

ceding year, but a sense of duty compelled us to consent to r another year, during this transition. And as we were com- f members of both Synods, that were to be, it was supposed, should serve as a bond of union in this period of transition aration, that should bridge the chasm, and thus we might e united in that work, in which all Christians should unite, , *Missions.*

are glad to bear testimony to-day, and give the Lord all the while we say, that, amid all our misgivings and hindrances, rd has greatly blessed our work,—the ministry, people, and lly the Sunday-school children, have nobly responded to our l more than our most sanguine expectations have been realized. hile it must be confessed, that, within our territory, and the elds that invite us, not one-tenth has been done for Missions urch Extension, that should have been done, still we have marked advance on the preceding year, having tripled the raised, as will be seen from the accompanying Treasurer's A revival in the work of missions has begun, and we trust rd's words ringing in our ears, the "*Harvest is great, but the s are few,*" will excite us to prayer, and becoming activity, e shall have the pleasure of seeing that He has sent many borers forth to gather in the ripening harvest.

nnot be denied, that a lethargic spirit, as an evil genius, had, season, possessed our branch of the Church, exhibiting itself lly in the missionary work. And with it came a want of con- , either in the plans proposed, or the agents who executed or perhaps, it was in both plans and agents This spirit was ss summoned from its dark abode by antagonisms, controver- criminations, and strife, which, perhaps, from sincere, but we not holy and wise motives, have agitated our Church during t seven years. And yet, with all this fierce conflict through we have passed, the shame which the Church has endured, and der heaped upon her, God be thanked, there is evidence now e spell is broken—the smoke of the conflict is lifting, and ho love the Church, and are grounded in her faith, still stand r posts. And all this is evidence of the presence of a better perhaps purified by the conflict; revived, at least to some sense missionary work before us, as three times the amount of last s been raised in this.

r Board has received under its care during the year, three new s in California; namely, that of San Francisco, Rev. J. H. er; Stockton, Rev. J. Müllhaupt; and Napa City, Rev. Fred- Fox. In accordance with the advice of the General Synod of nati, and at the request of the Missionaries, these missions, up t time under the care of the Committee of Zion's Classis, were erred by said Committee to our Board. These missions, though mparatively weak, are still promising. Through them a large of usefulness is opening for us, especially among the Germans,

on that distant coast, which loudly calls for your fostering care. A Classis will soon be organized on the Pacific Coast, there being alread sufficient ministers there to form such organization. In additio your Board would state, that they have called and commissioned this particular field, the Rev. John Gantenbein of Philadelphia, wh after a short preliminary work in the East, in the interests of sa Missions, will repair, perhaps with others, to some place to be assigne him by the Board, to aid in the missionary work on the Pacific Coa

Your Board has found a great hinderance in the way of active mi sionary operations during the past year, to exist in the twofold man ner in which this work was carried on among us, under the tac sanction of the Synod, without any well defined limit to their opera tions; namely, the one carried on by the Classes as such, and t other by Synod's Board. These are not only at times found to inte fere with each other, but have caused the withholding of funds fr either, or both, on account of the diversity which existed in th work. Either the one or the other should be given up, and one pl should control all. If both plans shall be allowed to continue, th the Classes should be restricted to what might be styled "*Sustan tion*," in their immediate bounds, and what are strictly missio should be under the entire control of the Board of Missions. Su tentation should consist in the strengthening of weak charges, congregations,—or of giving them support, when said congregatio can give three-fourths or five-sixths of a pastor's salary.

It is fondly hoped by us, that the Synod at this meeting will m ture the work of Missions, which it began at its special meeting Lancaster, by which the three Synods in the East shall work under one plan, as they do in the Western Synods, and not waste o strength and resources in diversity of action. And having adopte some general plan, for example, such as has been agreed upon by th executive officers of the different Synods,—and which will be sub mitted to your consideration at this Synod, make it permanent for a certain number of years at least, and give it a fair trial, so as to wai long enough for the time of fruit. And by no means, change your plan every year or two, or your officers, and thus cast doubts into the minds of your pastors and people, as to whether or no any success will crown your work at last.

The Board has had under its immediate care during the past year ten Missions.

Synod of the United States.

Of these missions, six are in the Synod of the United States: namely, in the Classis of Philadelphia, St. Paul's, Rev. John Gantenbein; St. Stephen's, Rev. A. Romich; St. John's, Rev. John G. Noss; St. John's, Camden, Del., vacant, recently supplied by the Rev. Samuel Miller, deceased.

In the Classis of New York, Rahway, N. J., Rev. A. Lepp; German, Philadelphia Classis, Rev. C. Becker.

The Mission at Rahway, the missionary, Rev. Lepp, now in Europe, writes, will be self-supporting this year.

Synod of the Potomac.

In the Synod of the Potomac there are four Missions: namely, in the Classis of Virginia, Winchester, served until this spring by the Rev. M. L. Shuford, but now vacant, but to which we have called the Rev. C. G. Fisher.

In connection with the Classis of Zion, San Francisco, Cal., Rev. J. H. Krueger; Stockton, Cal., Rev. J. Müllhaupt, Cal., and Napa City, Cal., Rev. F. Fox.

Classical Missions.

The following Classes have carried on their own Missions, but in part paid their missionaries through our Treasurer, and have made an annual report to us. *Zion's Classis* reports two missions: Duncannon Mission, Rev. H. Wissler, and Sulphur Springs, vacant. *Mercersburg*, two: McConnelsburg, Rev. Jacob S Shade; and Everett Mission, Rev. Milton H. Sangree. *West Susquehanna:* Williamsport, Rev. A. J. Heller.

The following Classes have missions, but have transacted none of their work through this Board, but only reported the location of their missions, and the names of the missionaries. *Maryland* reports: Sixth Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. J. C. Hauser; 1st Eng. Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. Thomas L. Poulson; 1st Reformed Church, Washington City, vacant; and 2d Reformed Church, Hagerstown, Md., Rev. W. F. Colliflower. These Missions have all been transferred to the Board of the Synod of the Potomac.

The Classis of Lancaster reports: Columbia, Rev. Conrad Clever; 2d Church, Harrisburg, Rev. G. W. Snyder: Zwingli Reformed Church (German), Harrisburg, vacant. This Classis has expended for missions, $550.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania reports, Catasauqua, vacant.

The Classis of Lebanon reports, German Mission, Reading, Pa., Rev J. F. Fündeling.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen reports: South Bethlehem, Rev. N. Z. Snyder; and Doylestown, Rev. L. C. Sheip.

German Classis of Philadelphia: Glassboro', N. J., Rev. Charles Becker; Egg Harbor City, N. J., Rev. John Bachman; and Bridesburg, Rev. Christian Keller. They have raised for missions in nine months, $305.96.

New York Classis has Breslau, Long Island. Vacant.

Your Board, in its work during the past year, did not feel itself justified in increasing its obligations more than was found to be absolutely necessary, though often solicited by pressing claims, lest we should entail, and perhaps in larger measure, what we inherited, to our successors, namely, *debts*. And we are happy to state, that we have been enabled to pay off the indebtedness of $1,363.99, left us of last year, and to pay all our missionaries their salaries to 1st of October, 1873,—and have a small balance remaining in the Treasury.

The particulars concerning our different missions, we shall more at length to our successors, in the way of statement, no cessary to be attached to this report.

Thanking your venerable body, and through you, the pastors, ple, and the children of the Sunday-schools, for the confidence placed in us, and for your united co-operation in this no small du revive a missionary spirit among our people—we conclude, with prayer to Almighty God, that He may guide you, as well as the re the Synods, in their counsels concerning this missionary work;— that enlarged benevolence may take hold upon the hearts and sciences of our people;—that united action may mark our plan that a greater work than has yet been accomplished, may be don and the many scattered sheep of Christ's fold may be gathered his Church, under the care of faithful under-shepherds. And—

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding, abundantly abov that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all world without end." (Eph. iii. 20–1.) Amen.

J. O. MILLER,
Pres. of the B. H.

Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United Stat account with W. A. Wilt, Treasurer.

MISSION ROLL OF HONOR FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

1873.	CR.	
March 31.	By cash from schools connected with Trinity first Reformed congreg	
"	York, Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, Pastor Trinity Chapel	$10 00
"	Infant school	5 00
"	Trinity Reformed school	35 00
April 13.	Altoona, Rev. A. C. Whitmer	8 00
"	Newport, " James Crawford	11 25
"	Baltimore, " M. Bachman	6 55
April 14.	Hanover, " W. K. Zieber, D. D.	37 58
"	Lancaster, " A. H. Kremer, D. D.	38 00
"	Chambersburg, Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D.	38 00
"	Frederick City	18.00
"	do do Infant	8 02
"	Philadelphia, Rev. J. H. Dubbs	40 17
"	do Mission, Rev. J. G. Noss	5 00
"	Dubbs, York County, " J. D. Zehring	5 00
"	Hummelstown, Rev. S. Kuhn	10 00
"	St. Peter's, Perry County, Rev. L. D. Steckel	10 00
"	Mercersburg, D. M. B. Shannon	5 00
"	Chambersburg, Pa., Dr. B. S. Schneck	6 00
April 28.	Baltimore, Rev. E. R. Eshbach	12 00
"	Orangeville Charge, Rev. Alfred Hou s	10 00
"	Mifflinburg, Rev. G. E. Addams	10 40
"	2d Department, Harrisburg, Rev. W. H. H. Snyder	60 00
April 30.	Hagerstown, Rev. J. S. Kiefler	16 54
	Amou_t carried fo:w r l,	$405.51

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	Amount brought forward,	$405 51
1873.	By cash from Sunday School, at	
May 5.	(Union) Mont Alto, Geo. B. Wiestling, Esq., Supt	10 00
"	Philadelphia, Rev. John Gantenbein	5 00
"	Reading, Rev. Dr. C. F. McCauley	25 00
"	Allentown, Rev. S. G. Wagner	16 00
"	Infant do do do	4 00
"	Pottstown, Rev. L. K. Evans	15 00
"	South Bethlehem, N. Z. Snyder	5 00
	Mission, Reading, John Ermentrout, Supt	5 00
	Tulpehocken, Lewis Bleichert, Treasurer	5 00
	Martinsburg, Pa., Rev. J. H. Sykes	5 00
	Mount Pleasant, Pa., Miss Lottie Voight	12 50
	Tamaqua, Pa., Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz	10 12
	New York City, Rev. J. F. Busche	10 00
	Danville, Pa., D. J. Antrim, Esq., Supt	10 00
	do Infant, do do	5 00
	do Mission, do do	5 50
une 1.	Littlestown, Henry Sellers, Esq., Supt	5 00
"	Martinsburg, W. Va., Rev. S. K. Kremer	12 00
une 4.	McConnellsburg, Pa., Rev. J. S. Shade	4 50
"	Baltimore, John Rodenmayer, Treasurer	40 00
"	Jefferson, Md., Rev. S. S. Miller	7 00
"	Waynesboro, Pa., Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman	5 00
"	New Holland, Rev. D. W. Gerhart	7 25
"	Norristown, P. Quillman, Esq	12 56
"	College Church, Lancaster, Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin	10 00
"	Glassboro, N. J., Rev. Charles Becker	2 27
une 14.	Gettysburg, Pa., Rev. W. R. H. Deatrich	25 37
une 24.	Rebersburg, Rev. W. M. Landis	6 75
une 27.	Hanover, Rev. Jacob Sechler	8 52
"	Philadelphia, Rev. A. Romich	5 00
"	Infant S. S. Easton, Rev. Dr. John Beck	15 00
"	Cavetown, Md., Rev. J. W. Santee	10 00
"	Franklin, Lower Saucon, Rev. T. O. Stem	4 00
July 8.	Brick Church, Friends' Cove, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick	15 50
July 8.	Trinity Church, Friends' Cove, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick	8 50
"	Rahway, N. Jersey, Rev. Augustus Lepp	5 00
"	Quarryville, Pa., Rev. J. Hannabery	8 01
July 14.	Greenfield Charge, Pa., Rev. W. D. Lefever	5 00
"	Sharpsburg, Samuel D. Pepper, Supt	3 32
"	Bloomsburg, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier	7 28
"	Shamokin, Rev. D. W. Kelly	15 00
July 30.	Greencastle, Rev. Dr. M. Kieffer	5 00
Sept. 11.	Swartzwald Congregation, Rev. A. S. Leinbach	18 00
Sept. 29.	Quarryville, G. W. Hensel, Supt	2 00
"	First Trinity Reformed Sunday-school, York, Pa., Rev. Dr. Miller	65 00
	Total receipts from Sunday-schools	$891.46

Board of Missions in account with W. A. Wilt, Treasurer

1872.	CR.	
Nov. 4.	By cash received from Rev. J. S. Shade, McConnelsburg Charge	$35 00
Nov. 5.	Orphans' Home Congregation, Womelsdorf, for San Francisco Mission, in charge of Rev. Mr. Krüger, Rev. D. B. Albright, Pastor	20 00
"	Rev. John Zuilch, Steinsville, Pa	45 00
Nov. 9,	Rev. Jacob Seebler, Hanover, Pa., per C. Santee, Esq	40 00
Nov. 11.	Adam Haderman, Treasurer, Yellow Creek Charge, for the use of Mercersburg Classis, Rev. E. D. Shoemaker, Pastor	10 00
"	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Rev. A. G. Dole, Zion's Church, Cumberland County, Pa	17 80
"	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, collected in Riegelsville congregation.	13 36
"	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Rev. C. Z. Weiser, collected in Goshenhoppen congregation, for Iowa Mission, Tipton	25 00
Nov. 20.	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Treasurer, Leb. Classis, from Rev. C. H. Leinbach, collected in Tulpehocken Charge, for San Francisco Mission, California, under the care of Rev. Mr. Krüger	20 00
"	Rev. J. A. Peters, collected in the Water Street Charge, for Missions in the bounds of the English Iowa Classis	50 00
Dec. 9.	Rev. W. D. Lefever, for Missions in Mercersburg Classis	35 00
Dec. 10.	Geo. Hill, Treasurer of East Susquehanna Classis, collected as follows: Rev. John Walbach, Mahanoy Charge	23 47
"	Rev. H. Messer, Paradise Charge	75 00
"	Rev. Joseph Schlaeppig	17 65
"	Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Bloomsburg	6 65
Dec. 11.	Rev. John Beck, Easton congregation	36 50
"	Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, from a friend in Frederick, Md	100 00
Dec. 18.	Rev. John Gantenbein, from his charge	10 54
"	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, as follows: from Rev. J. B. Knipe, St. Peter's	19 35
"	Caroline Fisher, widow	3 00
"	Mrs. Susan Dieffenbacher, Michigan	5 00
Dec. 21.	Mrs. Elizabeth Dieffenbacher "	5 40
"	Jacob Kayler, Mineral Point	5 00
"	Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Mont Alto, Pa	5 35
1873.	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Treasurer Leb. Classis,	
Jan. 7.	collected as follows: Rev. I. E. Graeff, Trinity congregation	18 87
"	Tamaqua and Sunday-school	2 75
"	A. Friend in York, Pa., for Cal. Missions	1 00
	Rev. E. R. Eshbach, collected in first Reformed Congregation, Baltimore	14 86
"	Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, interest on Legacy of Mrs. M. Spangler	31 25
Feb. 6.	Rev. Charles Becker, collected in his charge	40 00
"	Rev. Dr. B. Bausman, from a friend in Allentown	2 50
Feb. 7.	Rev. John Beck, collected in his cong., Easton.	50 00
	Amount carried forward,	$785.30

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	Amount brought forward,	$785 30
Feb. 13.	By [illegible]h per Rev. J. W. Santee, from Wm. Reynolds, [illegible]member of the Cavetown congregation.....	1 00
"	D. W. Gross, Esq., Harrisburg, for Missions in Virginia Classis.....	25 00
Feb. 15.	R[illegible]v. J. D. Zehring, Manheim Charge, York Co. P[illegible], for Cal. Missions.....	15 00
"	G[illegible]o. Hill, Esq., Treasurer of East Susquehanna C[illegible]assis, as follows: Paradise Charge, Elder D. [illegible]hbach, Pledge at Pottstown.....	50 00
"	[illegible]ahanoy Charge, Cal. Missions.....	10 00
"	[illegible]anville do do do	10 00
"	" " Iowa Classis, English.....	15 00
"	" " Home Missions.....	23 60
	[illegible]ahanoy, " do do	21 64
	[illegible]rbotville, do " "	29 15
	[illegible]angeville, do " "	14 75
	[illegible]ther Small, Treasurer of first Trinity Re[illegible]med Sunday-school, Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, [illegible]stor.....	36 93
	[illegible]v. J. A. Peters, Alexandria congregation, [illegible]ster St. Charge.....	20 00
	[illegible]v. Dr. S. R. Fisher, as follows, J. G. W. and [illegible] A. B., Chambersburg.....	5 00
	[illegible] B. Fluke, Woodbury.....	2 00
	[illegible] Hamberger, Pa.....	2 00
	[illegible]v. M. A. Smith, as follows, Missions in the [illegible]lley of Va., Family Mission Box.....	8 30
	[illegible]llected in Dryland Charge, for do.....	4 50
	[illegible]v. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer of Iowa Classis, [illegible]m A. G. Reninger, collected in Zion's Re[illegible]med cong., Allentown, for Iowa Missions.	60 00
	[illegible]v. W. M. Deatrick, Fin. Supt., for Home Mis[illegible]ns, Mercersburg Classis, apportionment of the [illegible]minary Chapel Charge.....	10 00
	[illegible]v. J. O. Johnston, Schuylkill Haven cong.	8 50
	[illegible]v. J. D. Zehring, from Miss Anna S. Hershy, [illegible]derus, Pa., Cal. Missions.....	1 00
	[illegible]v. E. N. Kremer, for Home Missions, Mercers[illegible]rg Classis.....	25 00
	[illegible]v. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Rev. A. C. Whitmer, [illegible]altsona.....	5 00
	[illegible]ohn Kessler, per Rev. Dr. Bausman.....	1 00
	Rev. Dr. T. S. Johnston, Lebanon, Pa., for Iowa Mission, Rev. J. Riale.....	50 00
March 31.	Rev. S. G. Wagner, Allentown, from a friend, a day's wages as a thank-offering to God, for the recovery of his children from malignant disease	2 25
April 4.	Rev. Jacob Sechler, Hanover, Pa., for Cal. Missions.....	15 00
"	Rev. M. Bachman, Baltimore, collected in congregation, 8.45, Sunday-school, 6.55, a pledge given at Cincinnati.....	15 00
April 8.	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Rev. I. K. Loos, Bethlehem, Pa.....	27 16
April 11.	per do thank offering.....	5 00
"	A. G. Reninger, pledge given at Cincinnati for Cal. Mission, from the Zion's Reformed Congregation, Allentown.....	25 00
"	Hon. Joseph Laubach, for pledge given at Martinsburg, W. Va.....	25 00
	Amount carried over,	$1,354.08

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	Amount brought over,	$1.354.08
April 14.	By cash f om Charles Santee, Esq., Easter offering from Green St. Church, Philadelphia.....	35 12
"	Adam Haderman, Treasurer of Yellow Creek Charge, Rev. E. D. Shoemaker, Pastor.....	10 00
April 15.	Rev. S. G. Wagner, from a friend of St. John's Congr gation.....	10 00
"	Rev. S. G. Wagner, pledge from self, Martinsburg, W. Va.....	25 00
"	A contribution from St. John's congregation, Allentown.....	34 00
April 17.	Rev. U. Henry Heilman, Nittany Charge, Rev. J. K. Millet, Pastor.....	5 90
"	per do Boalsburg, Rev. W. H. Groh, Pastor.	14 10
April 22.	Rev. M. Bachman, Baltimore, from Eva Miller..	2 00
"	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Treasurer Leb. Classis, as follows: Rev. I. E. Graeff, Trinity Church, Tamaqua.....	6 03
"	Zion's Church, Lewistown.....	5 97
"	A. S. Leinbach, part of collection Schwartzwald.....	7 00
"	Rev. D. B. Albright, Orphan's Home, Womelsdorf	5 00
April 23.	Rev. U. Henry Heilman, Trea., W. S. Classis, from Aaronsburg Charge, Rev. C. H. Reiter.....	25 00
April 25.	Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Brick Church of Friends' Cove Charge.....	22 19
"	Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Trinity Charge ($25.00 of the amt. for Iowa Mission..... ....)	7 81
April 30.	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Rev. F. J. Mohr, California Mission 10.00, and for Iowa English Classis 20.00, per D. B. Mauger, Treasurer.....	30 00
"	Iowa, Goshenhoppen Classis, Trinity Reformed Church, Great Swamp, Rev. C. Z. Weiser, Pastor	30 65
May 2.	L. B., Chambersburg, for Cal. Mission.....	5 00
"	J. W. Birely, Esq., collected at Synodical Communion in the English Reformed Church, Frederick City, Md.....	30 00
May 6.	Rev. U. Henry Heilman, Treasurer, W. S. Classis, as follows: Nittany Charge, Rev. J. K. Millet, Pastor.....	15 00
"	Bellefonte Charge, Rev. D. M. Wolf, Cal. Mission.	20 00
"	Rev. J. D. Zehring, from Wm. Dubbs, Dubbs Ch.	2 50
May 7.	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Rev. I. K. Loos, Easter Communion col., Reformed Church, Bethlehem.....	56 28
May 14.	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Rev. C. Z. Weiser, collected in Goshenhoppen Church.....	55 36
"	Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer Reformed S. Classis, from Boalsburg Charge, Rev. W. H. Groh, Pastor.....	50 00
May 17.	Rev. W. R. Hofford, Com. col., S. White Hall Congregation.....	25 50
May 19.	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Treasurer Leb. Classis, from Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Tulpehoeken Church.	25 35
May 20.	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, Communion collection in Wentz' Church, Rev. S. M. K. Huber, Pastor, for the use of St. John's Mission Church, West Philadelphia, Rev. J. G. Noss, Pastor.....	21 00
May 24.	Rev. C. Banks, from Rev. A. Lepp, Rahway Mission.....	15 00
	Amount carried forward,	$1.950.84

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	Amount brought forward,	$1,950 84
May 24. By	Cash from Rev. A. Lepp, col., Missionary Box...	12 30
"	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Zion's Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Rev. P. S. Davis, Pastor, W. Heyser, Treasurer, Classical assessment.....	50 00
"	Geo. Hill, Esq., Treasurer, East Susquehanna Classis, as follows: $35.88, from former Treas., $6.07, from Sunbury charge, 13 cts. to be credited to Mahanoy Charge, for Cal. Mission.....	42 08
"	Rev. J. W. Santee, from Miss Mary E. and Charles A. Santee, English Classis, Iowa Mission.....	5 25
May 28.	Rev. L. K Derr, from Mrs. Hannah Garanflo to constitute Mrs. Hannah Lawfer of Allentown, a life member of Home Missionary Society, for Cal. Missions.....	30 00
June 2.	Rev. J. F. Busche, as follows: for Rahway Mission, N. Jersey, from Ev. Reformed Sunday-school, $10.00; John Lutz, $10 00; Miss A. Lutz, 2.00; Jacob Graber, 3.00; Geo. Breit, 5.00; Geo. Bachman, 5.00; Geo. Augustine, 5.00; Mrs. E. Ebert, 1.00; Miss Rosa Fischer, 1.00;	42 00
"	Rev. J. A. Peters, from his Charge, Kellers Church, $11.48, Alexandria, 5.00.....	16 48
"	Rev. S. G. Wagner, from a member of St. Johns Reformed Church, Allentown, 5.00, and father Kessler, 50 cents.....	5 50
June 3.	Rev. E. N. Kremer, balance of assessment on Bedford charge.....	25 00
"	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Rev. C. G. Fisher, Col. Boehm's Church, to constitute Charles H. Rile a Life Member.....	30 00
June 6.	Rev. M. A. Smith, as follows: from Nazareth Cong., $15. and Bath, $15	30 00
"	John Rodenmayer, Treas. Md. Classis, as follows: Rev. J. S. Keefer, Hagerstown Ch....	50 00
"	Rev. T. L. Poulson, 1st Eng. Cong., Baltimore..	55 50
"	Rev. Dr. G. L. Staley.....	5 50
"	Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, Manchester Charge.....	10 00
"	Rev. W. Goodrich, Clearspring.....	28 43
"	Rev. W. C. Cremer, Westminster.....	25 00
June 6.	Rev. N. E. Gilds, Mechanicstown.....	10 00
"	Rev. J. Hasser, Boonsboro.....	15 00
"	Rev. J. W. Santee, Cavetown.....	5 00
June 10,	Rev. John Beck, Treas. East Penna. Classis, as follows: Rev. E. Reinecke's charge.....	19 25
"	Rev. F. A. Swartz's charge.....	16 50
"	Col. at Classis.....	19 25
"	Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treas. English Classis, Iowa, from Rev. W. H. Groh, Bordsburg, Pa.....	30 83
June 12,	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Wm. Wagner, Bosserville.....	2 00
"	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Treas. Leb. Classis, as follows, Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Tulpehocken Charge, for Iowa Classis, Eng., $25; Rev. C. H. Mutchler, Swatara Charge, for Iowa Classis, Eng., $35; Rev. J. E. Heister, col. in Hill Ch., $10; Rev. E. E. Heister, Hanover Charge, $12.52	82 52
June 14,	Charles Santee, Esq., as follows: from a member of Zion's Ref. Church, Allentown, Pa.....	45 00
	Amount carried over,	$2,659 23

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	Amount brought over,	$2,659 23
June 14.	By cash from Rev. Charles Zwisler, Canfield, Ohio, Jackson Cong., 3.75; Canfield Cong., 11.26 (total 15 01); Cal. Missions	15 01
June 23.	Charles Santee, Esq., from Rev. C. Z. Weiser, Pennsburg, Pa., from a friend of Home Missions in New Goshenhoppen Church, for Iowa & Cal.	100 00
"	Rev. A. Romich, col. in St. Stephen's Church	9 03
July 8.	Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treas. Mercersburg Classis, for Home Missions for said Classis, as follows. Rev. M. Kieffer, Greencastle Charge	40 00
"	Rev. M. H. Sangree, Everett Charge	30 00
"	Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, Waynesboro	24 00
"	Rev. H. I. Comfort, Grindstoneh'l	20 00
"	Rev. E. D. Shoemaker, Yellow Creek	11 00
"	Rev. F. Fouse, Woodcock Valley	6 25
"	Rev. I. G. Brown, Mercersburg	45 00
July 23.	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from a friend, Flintstone, Md.	5 00
"	Geo. Hill, Esq., Treas. East S. Classis, as follows:	
"	Rev. H. S. Bassler, Deep Creek Charge, for Los Angelos, Cal	30 00
"	Rev. W. G. Engle, Union Charge, to redeem pledge, Martinsburg, W. Va.	30 00
"	Rev. J. Walbach, Mahanoy Charge, to redeem pledge	50 00
"	Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, collected at Communion at Riegelsville, Pa	17 63
"	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Treas. Leb. Classis, from Rev. Jacob Kline, Schuylkill Haven	3 63
"	Rev. J. O. Johnson, St. John's, for Iowa Eng.	16 00
"	Mrs. Magdalena Stamm, Bernville Cong.	5 00
"	Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, from Rev. D. Riegel	10 00
"	Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, Mrs. Valentine Wilt, Cal.	2 50
"	Israel Laucks, Esq., Tr. Trinity 1st Ref. Cong.	26 00
"	Rev. John Ault, from little J. Titzel, now in Heaven	50
Aug. 25.	Rev. U. Henry Hartman, Treas. W. S. Classis,	
	Rev. A. J. Heller	98 00
	Rev. D. G. Klein, Eden Charge	1 85
"	Rev. W. M. Landis, Rebersburg	15 00
Aug. 26.	Rev. J. K. Millet, Nittany	7 00
"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Selingsgrove	29 22
"	Rev. C. H. Reiter, Boalsburg	27 70
"	Rev. W. H. Grob, Aaronsburg	3 50
	Ten dollars of the above amount is for Cal. Mission, balance for W. S. Classis	
"	Rev. J. D. Zehring, Emanuel's Charge, Zion's Classis	19 00
Sept. 11.	Rev. Henry Mosser, from Solomon Sprecher, Treas. of Missionary Society, Reading	10 00
Oct. 3.	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Treas. Leb. Classis, from Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Tulpehocken Charge.	10 00
"	Rev. W. F. P. Davis, St. John's Church, Hamburg, acct. of Martinsburg, W. Va., pledge	10 85
Oct. 6,	Rev. M. A. Smith, bal. do	7 20
"	Henry Wirt, Esq., Int. on Gerhart Donation	9 90
	From Zion's Classis, as follows:	
	Trinity 1st Ref. Cong., York, Pa	15 00
	Shrewsbury	10 00
	Amount carried over,	$3,430 05

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	Amount brought forward,	$3,430 05
6.	By cash from Gettysburg charge	10 00
	Emanuel's	35 00
	Manheim	15 00
	Dallastown	5 00
	Trinity Charge	10 00
8.	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Miss A. Dechant	5 00
"	Mrs. Bleistein, for C. I. Mission	3 00
"	Friend at Flintstone, Md	5 00
"	W. H. Bates	5 00
16.	Rev. Dr. John Beck, Weisport, Rev. A. Bartholomew	83 00
"	Rev. I. S. Weiss, Mt. Bethel Charge, Marinsburg Pledge	25 00
"	Rec. from D. B. Mauger, Treas. Goshenhoppen Classis, from Quakertown	15 00
"	Received from Rev. Dr. J. O Miller, Interest on Mrs. Margaret Spangler's Legacy	31 25
18.	Synodical collection at Bloomsburg, Pa	30 00
		$3,707 30
	Add receipts in Roll of Honor	891 46
	Total receipts	$4,598 76

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21.	Balance due settlement	$51 59
4.	Cash to Rev. J. S. Shade	35 00
6.	Rev. John G. Noss	45 00
12.	Rev. D. S. Fouse	25 00
"	" " " "	50 00
16.	Rev Julius H. Krüger	40 00
18.	Rev. John Gantenbein	100 00
20.	Rev. A. C. Whitmer	37 50
73.	Rev. J. G. Noss	100 00
29.	Rev. John Gantenbein	50 00
18.	" " "	50 00
"	Rev. John G. Noss	50 00
"	Rev. M. L. Shuford	50 00
"	Rev. A. Romich	75 00
26.	Rev. D. S. Fouse	60 00
ch 6.	Rev. A. C. Whitmer	37 50
ch 11.	Rev. Julius H. Krüger	75 00
"	Rev. Charles Becker	40 00
"	Rev. John G. Noss	35 00
"	Rev. Joshua Riddle	15 00
ch 22.	Rev. M. L. Shuford	50 00
l 25.	Rev. Julius H. Krüger	100 00
"	Rev. L. K. Evans	50 00
"	Rev. John Rodenmayer, Treas. Md. Classis	14 86
l 26.	Rev. J. S. Shade	40 00
l 28.	Rev. D. S. Fouse	25 00
3.	Rev. J. H. Krüger	50 00
"	Rev. J. Müllhaupt	28 00
"	Rev. John G. Noss	45 00
"	Rev. John Gantenbein	55 00
12.	Rev. A. Romich	75 00
"	Rev. A. Lepp	52 30
"	Rev. C. Becker	37 27
	Amount carried over,	$1,044 02

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	Amount brought over,	$1,644 02
May 12.	Cash to Rev. J. Gantenbein	95 00
"	Rev. John G. N ss	125 00
May 20.	" " " " per S. R. Fisher, for St. John's Church	21 00
"	Rev. D. S. Fouse	30 83
June 5.	John Rodenmayer, Treas. Md. Classis	251 43
July 2.	Rev. John Gantenbein	100 00
"	Rev. Augustus Lepp	42 00
"	Rev. J. H. Krüger	34 50
"	Rev. A. Romich	35 97
"	" " "	14 03
"	Rev. A. Lepp	15 70
"	Rev. D. S. Fouse	110 00
"	Rev. M. H. Sangree	100 00
"	" " " "	36 25
July 19.	Rev. J. G. Noss	50 00
"	Rev. John Gantenbein	100 00
"	Rev. A. Romich	208 30
"	Rev. D. S. Fouse	50 00
"	" " " "	20 00
"	Rev. J. G. Noss	5 00
Aug. 6.	" " " "	25 00
Aug. 15.	Rev. A. Romich	75 00
"	Rev. J. H. Krüger	87 00
"	Rev. A. J. Heller	98 00
"	" " " "	25 27
Aug. 29.	Rev. F. Fox	116 00
"	Rev. J. Müllhaupt	29 00
"	Rev. J. Wormley	30 00
Sept. 11.	Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier	49 00
"	Rev. M. H. Sangree	63 75
Sept. 12.	Rev. John Gantenbein	100 00
Sept. 17.	Rev. A. Romich	50 00
"	Rev. John G. Noss	50 00
Sept. 26.	Rev. D. S Fouse	16 00
"	Rev. H. Wissler	100 00
"	Rev. J. F. Buche, S. School Roll of Honor, credited in Home Mission fund	10 00
Oct. 18.	Rev. Charles Becker	75 00
"	Rev. John G. Noss	75 00
"	Rev. A. Romich	25 00
"	Rev. John Gantenbein	33 33
Oct. 18,	Rev. F. Fox	72 00
"	Rev. J. H. Krüger	54 00
"	Rev. J. Müllhaupt	27 00
"	Expenses of Executive Committee	115 00
	Balance in Treasury to new acc't	109 38
		$4,598 76

I hereby certify, that I have examined the foregoing account of W. A. Wilt, surer of Board of Missions, per vouchers, and find it correct, showing a balan Treasury in favor of the Board of one hundred and nine dollars and thirty cents.

SAMUEL R. FISHE

In connection with the action of Synod on the preceding re the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be returned to the Rev. Dr. J

. Miller, President of the Board of Missions, and to the Executive ommittee, for the efficient manner in which they have carried forard their arduous work, as well as for the able report which the ev. Dr. Miller submitted to this Synod.

The Commissioners appointed by the Synod at its special sessions t Lancaster, to co-operate with similar Commissioners from the Synods of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac, in devising a plan of union between the three Synods in the work of Missions, embodied their report on this subject, in their report to Synod in relation to the union of the same Synods in the control and support of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. Their report will accordingly be found under Article XIII., Theological Seminary. The portion of that report relating to Missions, was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing documents were referred, submitted their report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report:

That three documents have been placed in their hands, the report of the President of the Board of Home Missions, the financial report of the Treasurer, and a paper from joint commissioners appointed by the Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the Mother Synod.

From the report of the President of the Board, your Committee learn with pleasure, that the work of Missions has been carried forward by the Board during the past year with earnestness and vigor, and by the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, their labors have been crowned with encouraging success.

In view of the embarrassment which surrounded the whole Missionary work when the late Board was organized at the Synod of Martinsburg, one year ago—much more has been accomplished than could reasonably have been anticipated. The amount of money raised during the year has been three times that of last year. The Treasurer's report shows that the sum of $4,598,76 was received, and that he amount paid out was $4,489.38, leaving in the Treasury a alance of $109.38. The indebtedness of the previous year, 1,363,99, has been cancelled, and the salaries of all the Missionaries paid to the 1st of October, 1873. It is a matter worthy f congratulation, that the finances of the Board are thus left in such ood condition.

Your Committee is also gratified to note the prosperous condition 'our Missionary work on the Pacific Coast. Three new Missions ve been taken under the care of the Board, and Missionaries missioned to take charge of the same. All our Missionary stations re are in a promising condition, and justly claim the fostering care the Church. The Board, however, has felt itself greatly hindered its work, owing not to a lack of funds necessary to enlarged ivity, but also to the want of a suitable plan of operation.

This has been felt for several years, but more especially since th division of this Synod into three separate Synods. That the Missio ary work may be carried on with harmony and efficiency, some p should be adopted, which will unite these Synods in organic co-operatio

The Commissioners appointed by these several Synods have pr pared such plan, which is now submitted to the consideration of t Synod. The paper proposing such plan is the result of earnest a mature thought, and in the judgment of your Committee, is the b that can be proposed at this time.

[For the plan here referred to, see report of the Commissione Article XIII., Theological Seminary.]

Your Committee would recommend the following action by t Synod:

I. *Resolved*, That the plan proposed by the joint commission of the several Synods be and is hereby adopted.

II. *Resolved*, That a Board of Missions as therein contemplat be appointed, said Board to consist of seven members, five minist and two elders.

III. *Resolved*, That this Synod approves of the appointment m by the joint commissioners, of the Rev. F. K. Levan, as Mission Superintendent.

IV. *Resolved*, That the cause of Missions be again most earnes commended to the prayers and liberality of our people.

V *Resolved*, That the pastors of the several Classes compos this Synod be requested to preach on the subject to their congreg tions during the coming Synodical year, and to urge the claims of o own Church work upon their warmest sympathy and support.

VI. *Resolved*, That this Synod requests the different Classes t hold Missionary Conventions within their bounds, in order thus t awaken deeper interest in the cause of Missions.

As no documents in reference to Foreign Missions were placed i our hands, your Committee have nothing to report on that subject.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Chairman.*

Rev. Isaac E. Graeff, Nicholas Gehr, and Elder Levi Fluck, were appointed a committee to nominate a double number of candidates from whom to elect a Board of Missions. The election was ordere to take place on Tuesday morning, immediately after the election fo a Professor in the Theological Seminary had been held. At the tim appointed, the Synod proceeded to the election. The committee t nominate a double number of candidates, submitted their report which was received and adopted. Rev. Israel S. Weisz and Andrew J. Heller, were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the President of Synod. Th election resulted in the choice of Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D. Charles F. McCauley, D. D., John Beck, D. D., William H. H. Sny der, Lawrence D. Leberman, and Elders, Daniel W. Gross, and James T. Reber.

The following paper was adopted:

In order to supply the want of German ministers for the German portion of the Church, be it

Resolved, That the German Philadelphia Classis be directed to open and continue in correspondence with the Christchona Pilger-Mission Institute, Basel, Switzerland, or the Evangelisten Schule of Rev. C. Stursberg, Mühlheim an der Ruhr, Prussia, or both, for the purpose of obtaining candidates for the holy ministry for the German portion of our Church; and

Further, That the above named Classis be instructed to ask for students of the Reformed faith, who have finished their course in one of the above named institutions; and

Further, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to refund to the Board of Directors of these institutions, the outfit and travelling expenses to the amount of one hundred dollars for each of such students, through the German Philadelphia Classis.

According to the arrangement made by the Committee on Religious Exercises, the evening of the third day of the sessions was devoted to the subject of Missions. Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D. D., presided, and after singing and prayer, opened the discussion with an introductory address. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., John W. Steinmetz, and George H. Johnston, after which a collection was taken up in aid of Missions.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their annual report, accompanied with the report of the Treasurer of Synod, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

The Board of Trustees of Synod beg leave to present the following report:

They have audited the Treasurer's Account, and find it to be correct. For all information concerning the finances of Synod they refer you to that paper.

The members of the Board are as follows:

Henry Wirt,	whose term	will expire	Jan. 1, 1874.
Rev. W. H. H. Snyder	"	"	Jan. 1, 1875.
Wm. H Seibert,	"	"	Jan. 1, 1876.
John J. Nissley,	"	"	Jan. 1, 1877.
Rev. Sam'l. H. Kuhn,	"	"	Jan. 1, 1878.

Inasmuch as the term of Henry Wirt will expire Jan. 1st, 1874, we respectfully propose the names of John Meily of Lebanon, and George W. Hensel of Quarryville, Lancaster Co., as suitable persons to fill said vacancy. Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. KUHN, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Henry Wirt, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Refor Church in the United States.

SEMINARY AND MISSION FUND ACCOUNT.

1873.	DR.	
April 29.	To cash Jacob Heyser, Esq., six months' interest on Kieffer fund	$150
"	William Heyser, six months' interest, on Kieffer Legacy	135
"	Six months' interest on Cook legacy	40
Oct. 6.	" " "	27
"	" " " Gerhart fund	29
		$382

1873.	CR.		
April 29.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary, interest on Cook and Kieffer funds	$325 77	
Oct. 6.	R. F. Kelker, interest on Gerhart donation, Foreign Missions	9 90	
"	W. A. Wilt, interest on Gerhart donation for Domestic Missions	9 90	
"	Rev. Dr. Fisher, interest on Gerhart donation for beneficiary Education	9 90	
	Balance in Treasurer's hands on this account	27 50	
			$382

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

		DR.	
1872.	To Balance from last year		$984
Oct. 2,	To cash New York Classis, per Rev. J. F Busche.		20
May 21, 1873. "	Virginia, " " H. S. J. Rinker.		13
May 29, " "	West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. U.H. Heilman		70
June 12, " "	Lancaster Classis, per Rev. A. H Kremer.		100
June 16, " "	East Susq., Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq.		101
June 18, " "	Lebanon Classis, per Rev. A. S. Leinbach.		120
June 22, " "	New York Classis, per Rev. J. F. Busche.		25
June 24, " "	Mercersburg Classis, per Rev. W. M. Deatrick		5[illegible]
July 1, " "	Maryland Classis, per Rev. S. S. Miller...		5[illegible]
Oct. 6, " "	1 year's interest on Northern Central Railway Bonds		60
			$1,60

1872.	CR.		
Nov. 21.	By cash pd. Rev. Dr. Kieffer, for expenses of Committee to inaugurate Rev. Dr. Appple	$7 40	
" " "	Dr. Kieffer for expenses of Committee to confer with Society for relief of disabled ministers	12 00	
Nov. 22. " "	Rev. Dr. Miller, for expenses of Committee, to confer with Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College	17 52	
Nov. 23. " "	Rev. P. S. Davis, expenses as delegate to Synod of Ref. Church in America.	15 50	
Dec. 16. " "	Rev. Dr. Fisher, for salary as Stated Clerk, travelling expenses, postage and expenses for expediting minutes of Synod	117 15	
	Amounts carried forward,	$169 57	$1,60

DR.

Amounts brought forward,	$169 57	$1,601.43
By cash pd. Rev. M. Bachman, salary as German Clerk, and travelling expenses.....	54 50	
Jas. B. Rodgers Co., printing English and German Minutes of Synod.....	498 89	
W. D. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod, for Contingent expenses.....	600 00	
Rev. Dr. Fisher, expenses of committee appointed at special meeting of Synod of Lancaster, to perfect a plan of union between the three Eastern Synods.....	10 00	
Balance in Treasurers hands.....	$268.47	
	$1 601.43	$1,601.43

llowing Classes are still in Arrears on Contingent Fund account.

nsylvania Classis.....	$122 40
la-sis.....	122 40
d Classis.....	67 68
phia Classis.....	122 40
urg Classis.....	67 98
oppen Classis.....	124 23
Classis.....	16 98
r Classis.....	49 98
quehanna Classis.....	102 00
arolina Classis.....	25 50
	$821.55

investments of Synod have not been changed during the past
ıd remain as reported in the last statement.

ı the above report, it will be seen, that several of the Classes
the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac, have paid only part
ıssessments made upon them by this Synod. This was done
the action of the former body at its meeting in Frederick,
the Classes composing that body, were directed to pay only
ıths of the last apportionment made upon them by this Synod.
e will be an overture on this subject, fully explaining the
for this action, your Treasurer does not deem it necessary to
y suggestions upon the matter.

term of office of the Treasurer of Synod, limited by the act
rporation to five years of continuous service, will expire with
rent year. I would respectfully ask your body to authorize
ted Clerk to return the bond given by me to the Board of
s, whenever the securities, and other property belonging to
are delivered to my successor in office.

ı my best wishes for the prosperity and increase of the old
and the hope that its members will remain firm and un-
ıg in the old and tried paths, I take my leave of your venera-
ly. Respectfully submitted.

HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer.*

IOVER, OCT. 11TH, 1873.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the fore documents, submitted their report, which was received, take item by item, and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report:

Only two documents were referred to us, viz.: The Treas Report and the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Synod.

From the first paper we learn, that the interest on Synod's le was duly collected and disbursed; that of the Contingent Fund remains in the Treasurer's hands a balance of $268.47; that so the Classes are still in arrears on said fund, amounting in the a gate to $821.55; that the term of office of the Treasurer of S will expire with the current year; and that he requests this S to authorize the Stated Clerk to return the bond given by him t Board of Trustees.

From the second paper we learn nothing that need to be noticed

The Classes still in arrears in the Contingent Fund are the fo ing, viz.: East Pennsylvania Classis, $122.40; Zion's Classis, $ 40; Maryland Classis, $67.68; Philadelphia Classis, $122.40; cersburg Classis, $67.98; Goshenhoppen Classis, $124.23; Vir Classis, $16.98; Lancaster Classis, $49 98; East Susquehanna Cl $102.00; North Carolina Classis, $25.50.

Your Committee estimate the expenses of the current year, i ding the amount to be paid to the Synod of the Potomac, at $1

To meet this there is in the hands of the Treasurer..... $2(
Due from delinquent Classes 8

Total.....$1,0

To meet the expenses of Synod, your Committee has made th lowing assessments, viz:

		New.		Old.
East Pennsylvania Classis		$80.00	+	$122.40
Lebanon	"	80.00		
Philadelphia	"	50.00	+	122.40
Goshenhoppen	"	50.00	+	124 23
Lancaster	"	50 00	+	49 98
East Susquehanna	"	55.00	+	102.00
West Susquehanna	"	40.00		
New York	"	15.00		
German Philadelphia	"	30.00		

Arrearages of the Classes within the Synod of the Potomac:

Zion's Classis	122.40
Maryland "	67 68
Mercersburg Classis	67 98
Virginia "	16.98
North Carolina "	25.50

$480.00 + $821.55=$1,30

Your Committee submit for action the following, viz :

Resolved, That the request of the Treasurer of this Synod with gard to the return of his bond be granted.

Resolved, That the arrearages of the Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, and North Carolina Classes, embodied in this report, referred by the Treasurer of this Synod to the Treasurer of the nod of the Potomac for collection, and that all the Classes in rears be urged to make payment of their dues without delay.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have twelve hundred copies of the Minutes of the present sessions, duly authenticated, blished in the English language, and five hundred copies in the rman language, and distribute them amongst those entitled to ceive them.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. GROH, *Chairman.*

H. A. KEYSER.

An election was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of rustees of Synod. Rev. Joseph Hannabery and Elder Owen L. hreiber were appointed tellers, who lifted the ballots, counted them, d reported the result through the President of Synod. The election resulted in the choice of George W. Hensel, Esq., of Quarryville, Lancaster County, Pa.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the following accounts to the persons named :

Rev. Dr Samuel R. Fisher, Chairman of the Committee to define the boundary line between the Goshenhoppen and Philadelphia Classes, travelling expenses of the committee, $5.

Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Chairman of the Committee to procure and prepare for publication the manuscript of the late Rev. Dr. Harbaugh's Lectures on the Heidelberg Catechism, travelling expenses, $17.

The Committee on Overtures reported the reception of extracts from the proceedings of the Synod of the Potomac, in reference to the assessments for contingent purposes assessed by this Synod upon the Classes constituting that Synod. These extracts were referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Martin A. Smith, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., and Elder William H. Seibert. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee to whom was referred the overture of the Synod of the Potomac asking this Synod (1) to assume the payment of $325, the sum assessed upon the Synod of the Potomac by the General Synod, and (2) to exonerate the several Classes of the Synod of the Potomac from the payment of *five ninths* of the entire assessment made upon them by the Synod of Martinsburg, making in all $230-52, beg leave to report the following :

With regard to the first point, we find, from the Minutes of the Synod of Pottstown, that an assessment of $1,000 was made to cover the expenses of the General Synod at Cincinnati. Further, we learn from the report of the Treasurer made to the Synod of Martinsburg that the several Classes of the Synod of the Potomac paid their portion of the $1,000 assessment made by the Synod of Pottstown to pay the expenses of the General Synod. Therefore—

Resolved, That, in view of the foregoing facts, this Synod assume the $325 assessed on the Synod of the Potomac by the Synod of Cincinnati.

With regard to the second point, we learn from the report of the Committee on Finance, as published in the Minutes of last year, that the amount assessed by the Synod of Martinsburg was only sufficient to meet the current expenses of the Synod, leaving the usual margin, and that, in fact, no assessment was made by said Synod to meet the expenses of the General Synod at Cincinnati. Therefore—

Resolved, That the request of the Synod of the Potomac in regard to this latter point cannot be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

M. A. SMITH,
J. DAHLMAN, JR. } *Committee.*
W. H. SEIBERT.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to procure a competent person to translate the Minutes into the German language.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported as irregularities, the installation of the Rev. William C. Hendrickson as pastor of the Heidelberg Church, and his appointment as delegate *primarius* to Synod, before his reception by the Classis from the Methodist Episcopal Church had been confirmed by the Synod: The Synod affirmed the judgment of the Committee, and pronounced his seat vacant, inasmuch as he was ineligible at the time of his election.

The East Pennsylvania Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to open a column in the statistical tables for all local contributions. This request was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Walter E. Krebs, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, and Elder Charles Bonar. This committee submitted their report, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee, to whom was referred the request of East Pennsylvania Classis to open another column in the statistical tables for local contributions, respectfully report the following action:

Resolved, That the request be granted.

Resolved, That the Classes be directed to report in this column all moneys, contributed in every pastoral charge, for the support of the church and the carrying forward of its interests, including the pastor's salary, except moneys contributed for Home and Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, Orphan Homes, Church Extension, the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, the poor, and the Theological Seminary and the College under the care of Synod, which latter moneys, according to the rule now prevailing, shall be reported in the column of benevolent contributions as heretofore.

Resolved, That the General Synod be and is hereby respectfully requested to adopt a similar rule, and send it down to the various Classes, in order to secure uniformity throughout the whole Church in this direction.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

W. E. KREBS, *Chairman*.

The East Pennsylvania Classis, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of Classes, directs the attention of Synod to the fact, that it omitted to notice at its last annual sessions the reception by the Classis of the Rev. Jared Fritzinger and Charles A. Rittenhouse. The item was adopted, and the omission thus rectified.

The Synod refused to grant the request of the Philadelphia Classis, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asking Synod to make the apportionments hereafter on the basis of the number of church members in the different Classes.

The German Philadelphia Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, refused to acquiesce in the wishes of Synod in relation to the German liturgy on account of the defectiveness of the translation. It was

Resolved, That this item be referred back to the German Classis of Philadelphia, with instructions to report the defects of the translation of the German Order of Worship to this Synod at its next annual sessions.

An appeal of the Rev. Maximilian Frankel from an item in the report of a committee of the East Susquehanna Classis, appointed to examine into certain difficulties and complaints against him, was reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes. The appeal was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., Israel S. Weiss, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., and Elders Daniel Lefever and Owen L. Schreiber, to examine the documents in the case, and if the appeal be found in order, to report the manner in which it shall be taken up. To this same committee were also referred the papers of the Rev. Mr. Frankel, the reception of which was reported by the Committee on Overtures. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to investigate the papers placed in their hands, referring to the appeal case of Rev. Maximilian Frankel from the action of the East Susquehanna Classis, begs leave to report—

That, on examination of the documents in this case, they find the appeal in order, and recommend the following mode of proceeding:

1. The reading of the documents relating to the case.
2. The appellant to open his case in a speech of ten minutes.
3. The defendant to occupy twenty minutes on behalf of East Susquehanna Classis.
4. The appellant to close in a speech of ten minutes.
5. The Synod to vote on the merits of the case immediately by yeas and nays, without further discussion.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. KREMER.
I. S. WEISZ.
J. DAHLMAN, JR. } *Committee.*
DANIEL LEFEVER.
O. L. SCHREIBER.

The appeal was immediately taken up, and conducted in the order proposed by the committee, the Rev. John W. Steinmetz conducting the defense of the Classis. At the close of the arguments in the case the vote was taken on the question, Shall the appeal be sustained, when it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote of yeas and *nays*, the delegates of the East Susquehanna Classis not voting:

Yeas: G. H. Johnston, I. S. Weisz, M. A. Smith, C. A. Rittenhouse, O. L. Schreiber, A. A. Huber, C. H. Leinbach, F. W. Kremer, I. E. Grieff, H. A. Keiser, G. Wolff, C. Bonar, J. H. A. Bomberger, S. R. Fisher, H. Snyder, F. J. Mohr, A. L. Dechant, J. Kehr, D. Rothrock, D. B. Mauger, I. F. Yost, L. Fluck, J. F. Busche, H. H. Snyder, A. B. Shenkle, J. Hannabery, W. E. Krebs, Mader, D. Lefever, W. H. Seibert, J. H. Pearsol, W. H. Groh, Frederick, E. B. Kramm, H. Miller, N. Gehr, J. Dahlman, Jr., Beck. *Yeas*, 38.

Nays. None.

Excused from Voting. E. V. Gerhart, because he had not heard all the testimony in the case.

Rev. Walter E. Krebs, Joseph Hannabery, and Elder Levi Fluck, were appointed a committee to prepare a paper, expressive of the sense of Synod, as to the points decided in sustaining the appeal. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed on the effect of Synod's sustaining of the appeal of Rev M. Frankel, against the action of East Susquehanna Classis, respectfully report:

That the sustaining of that appeal will require that Classis to reconsider their action in the case, and remove therefrom the particular points, in reference to which Rev. M. Frankel appealed to Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

W. E. KREBS, *Chairman.*

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, the General Synod request, the Classes to open an additional column in the statistical tables, in which shall be enumerated the number of students, who are candidates for the Christian ministry.

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes belonging to this Synod be directed to this subject.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes be again directed to the duty of sending only such delegates, both ministerial and lay, to Synod, as are willing to remain to the close of the session.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

The West Susquehanna Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, complain of the East Susquehanna Classis, that it refuses to readjudicate its action on the alleged irregularity of the Rev. Samuel H. Reid, and the Milton Consistory. The complaint was, after some discussion, referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D, Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., William H. H. Snyder, and Elders Allen A. Huber and Charles Bonar, with authority to send for persons and papers, and report to this Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the complaint of West Susquehanna against East Susquehanna Classis, submit the following report:

Certain members of the White Deer Church, belonging to the West Susquehanna Classis, were suspended. These persons applied for admission to the Consistory of the Milton Church; and were admitted to Church fellowship, these persons being still in a state of suspension. Whereupon West Susquehanna Classis complained to East Susquehanna Classis against this irregularity of the Milton Consistory.

East Susquehanna instituted an investigation, which, after a lengthy process, resulted in the following action:

"*Resolved*, That we declare the above action of Rev. S. H. Reid and the Milton Consistory irregular; but as there appears to have been no intentional guilt, we withhold censure."

Against this action of East Susquehanna the West Susquehanna Classis complains to this Synod.

They complain, that, whilst East Susquehanna Classis pronounces the reception at Milton irregular, it proceeds also to say, that there appears to have been no intentional guilt on the part of the Milton Consistory, and therefore withhold censure.

West Susquehanna does not complain, because East Susquehanna pronounces the reception irregular, but because it exculpates the Milton Consistory from all blame or censure.

Your committee find, that the complaint is in order.

But, instead of proposing a regular investigation of the complaint to Synod, we, inasmuch as West Susquehanna agrees to withdraw the complaint, and East Susquehanna acquiesces in this withdrawal, recommend to the Synod the adoption of the following action, which is approved by the representatives of both Classes:

Resolved. That Synod hereby instruct East Susquehanna Classis to complete its action in the aforesaid case, by declaring the reception unconstitutional, and therefore null and void; this completed action to be in lieu of the previous action complained of.

Respectfully submitted.

E. V. GERHART.
F. W. KREMER.
W. H. H. SNYDER.
C. BONAR.
A. A. HUBER, *Committee.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The Committee on Religious Exercises, reported an appointment for the discussion of the subject of Sunday schools. The item was taken into consideration, and after some discussion, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the consideration of the subject be deferred until the next annual sessions of Synod, to be taken up on the second day of the sessions.

Resolved, That a commmittee be appointed to devise a plan of discussion, with reference to the Sunday-school cause of our Church, and to also appoint speakers to discuss the different topics proposed.

Rev. Henry A. Keyser, Isaac E. Graeff, and Elder Charles Bonar were appointed the committee called for in the last resolution.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication for the year ending September 30th, 1873, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows:

The Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully submits the following annual report:

The quarterly meetings of the Board have been regularly held during the year. They were generally fully attended, and such business transacted, as the interests of the publication operations of the Church seemed to demand. The first half of the year was one of very encouraging prosperity. In the early part of the Summer, however, business became more than usually dull, and continued thus until the opening of the fall months. When it was about to revive, under very encouraging prospects, the great financial crash came upon the country, by which business generally has been greatly embarrassed. Our Publication Board, very naturally, shared in the inconvenience thus entailed upon all business operations; and is still labouring under serious embarrassment from it, at the present time. We need greatly the assistance of the Church, and the hearty co-operation of the friends of our Publication operations, to help us successfully through impending difficulties; and this, we trust, will be most cordially extended.

The Synod has had in contemplation, for several years past, the purchase of a property for the use of the Publication Board, in which proper facilities shall be afforded for carrying forward its operations. The procuring of such a property had been entrusted to a special committee. At the last annual meeting of Synod, however, the committee was dissolved, and the matter entrusted to it, referred to the Board itself.

During last winter, a property very suitable, both as to location and general arrangement, for the purposes of the Publication Board, was offered for sale. After a careful examination of the property and a due consideration of the responsibilities involved in the matter, the Board concluded to purchase. The property is located on the North side of Arch Street a few doors above Ninth, and is known in the general numbering of the houses on that street, as No. 907. It was owned by the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and had been used for its purposes for a number of years. The price of the property, as agreed upon, is $30,000. Of this, $20,000 is to remain in the building for five years, secured by bond and mortgage. The remaining $10,000, less an annual ground rent of $100, was paid in cash.

The price was considered reasonable by competent judges. Its location is such as to warrant its increase in value from year to year. At an expense of about $2,600, such additions and repairs were made, as were necessary to fit it for the general purposes of the Board. The Church has again a Publishing House of its own. It is such also, that no one need be ashamed of it. In effecting the purchase, the Board was obliged to subject itself to more or less pecuniary embarrassment, which has been increased by the late financial condition of the country. With the proper co-operation of the Church, the enterprise can, we believe, be carried successfully through.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Board, a full and satisfactory

statement of the operations and condition of the establishment was presented by the Treasurer and General Manager, which is open to the inspection of any who may desire to examine it. From this statement the following brief synopsis is compiled:

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts from all sources	$42,593 63
Disbursements	45,662 44
Excess of Disbursements	$3,068 81

SUMMARY OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities, including Mortgage on Property	$45,277 92
Assets, including Real Estate	93,158 18
Excess of Assets	$47,880 26
Excess of Assets October 1, 1872	43,487 37
Increase of Excess of Assets	$4,392 89

Forty-five thousand and six hundred copies of books, pamphlets, including thirteen thousand and six hundred English, and six thousand German Almanacs, &c., have been issued during the year.

Notwithstanding the loss of a considerable number of subscribers, occasioned by the issuing of other smaller papers in the Church, especially by the issuing of a paper under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Synod, the "Messenger" has made an encouraging addition to its list of subscribers during the past year. It has now a little over one thousand more subscribers than it had, when its seat of publication was removed to Philadelphia. Although this result is, upon the whole, encouraging in the circumstances, yet the increase is far from being as large as it might have been, and as the prosperity of the paper and the interests of the Church require. It is to be hoped, that proper efforts will be made on the part of Synod and the friends of the Church, to continue the increase in future.

The subscription list of the "Kirchenzeitung" has suffered a considerable diminution during the year. For several years, it has been issued at a considerable cost to the Board. This has become now so burdensome, that the Board feels itself considerably embarrassed, thereby. Those, in whose interest especially it has been published, have failed to extend to it proper encouragement and support. In the circumstances, the Board was constrained to adopt the following resolution at its late quarterly meeting:

"*Resolved*, That the subject of the further continuation of the publication of the 'Kirchenzeitung,' in view of the fact, that the expenses of publication during the past year, exceeds the receipts on its account, about $1500, be submitted to the consideration of Synod."

The number of subscribers to the other periodicals does not vary essentially from the number of last year. Those of the "Guardian" and "Lammerhirte," have suffered a small decrease, whilst there has been a small increase to that of the "Review," and an encouraging addition to that of the "Child's Treasury."

On examining the financial statement of the Superintendent, the Board's attention was drawn to the fact, that large amounts are due on subscription to the several periodicals, some of which also are of long standing. In reference to this fact, the following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That, in view of the large amounts due on the subscription lists of our several publications, it be established as a rule hereafter, to discontinue the papers of all subscribers, who are in arrears for three years or more, on account of subscription, and that their accounts, then be put in regular process of collection.

"*Resolved*, That this rule go into effect after the first of January next.

"*Resolved*, That the Synod be requested to make it the duty of every pastor to seek out and recommend to the Board of Publication, one suitable person in each congregation, to take charge of the interests of our publications in its midst."

The stereotyping of the German edition of the "Order of Worship," which had been commenced during the previous year, was eventually completed. An edition of five hundred copies have been published from the plates, the greater portion of which have been sold. No other new publications have been issued during the past year. The Board cannot do much in this direction, until it is furnished with the necessary capital by the Church. The attention of Synod has been so repeatedly called to the necessity of such capital, without being attended with any efficient tangible results, that the Board finds no encouragement to continue urging it. It is to be hoped, however, that the Synod will, of its own accord, soon become awakened to a proper consciousness of its interests, as well as duty, in this direction.

No permanent appointment of an Editor of the "Kirchenzeitung" has been made by the Board, as authorized by the last annual Synod. Mr. J. G. S. Wittmann, has continued to occupy this relation during the past year. Should Synod determine upon continuing the publication of the "Kirchenzeitung," it will be necessary for it to make further provision for editing it.

The term of service of John Meily, as a member of the Board, expires on the first of January next. The Board proposes as candidates, from whom to elect a Trustee to fill the occurring vacancy, John Meily, Esq., of Lebanon, Pa., and William H. Lawall, of Easton, Pa.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *President*.

Saml. R. FISHER, *Secretary*.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary, to whom had been assigned the duty of purchasing books from the Library of the late Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, and also of completing his Lectures on the Heidelberg Catechism, submitted the following report:

The committee appointed by the Synod of Pottstown two years ago, to edit and publish Dr. Harbaugh's Lectures on the Heidelberg Catechism, beg leave to report:

We have taken pains to gather the MSS. of Dr. Harbaugh on this subject. As a regular department of instruction in the Seminary which is still maintained, Dr. Harbaugh delivered weekly lectures to the students on the Heidelberg Catechism. The MSS. which have come into our possession, only go as far as to the 69th question. In these lectures he made use, in part, of sermons previously delivered on the Catechism. These lectures, while they are all interesting and valuable, are of unequal merit. Some are full and complete, while others seem to your committee to need revision.

But the fact, that we are not in possession of a full and complete course of lectures on the whole Catechism, has been the chief embarrassment in the way of your committee. It would be necessary in order to present a complete course of lectures on the Catechism, to supplement those delivered by Dr. Harbaugh, by lectures delivered by the present Professor of Theology in the Seminary. There might be two volumes published, the one giving the lectures delivered by Dr. Harbaugh, and the other, those delivered by his successor in the Seminary. But those, who know the labors of the theological professors, can understand that, with the present working force in the Seminary, this would involve a good deal of labor and time, which it is difficult for them to give, apart from their onerous duties in the Seminary. But still we would have gone forward with the work, if it had not been for the consideration, that the result would be two fragmentary works, neither of which would be satisfactory. Our judgment, therefore, is, that, in view of the incompleteness of the MSS. of Dr. Harbaugh, which have come into our hands, it would be inexpedient to go forward with the publication, and we, therefore, ask to be discharged.

E. V. GERHART,
T. G. APPLE,
F. A. GAST. } *Committee.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, be appointed a committee to procure the manuscripts of Dr. Harbaugh, for preservation in the Library of the Theological Seminary.

The committee appointed to prepare a collection of Hymns to be appended to the "Order of Worship," submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued:

Your committee on Hymns beg leave to report, that they have been diligently laboring upon the work assigned them, and have

it nearly to completion. They are confident of being able to
: the work entire by the close of this year, and, therefore, ask
ntinued. Respectfully submitted.

E. E. HIGBEE, *Chairman.*
GEO. LEWIS STALEY,
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JOHN BECK.

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ı completed. Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. H. LEINBACH.

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to it, the Rev. Isaac E. Graeff and Nicholas Gehr, and
the latter chairman, was continued.

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ated Clerk of Synod, I herewith report:
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of Synod, both in the English and German languages, printed
:ed, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them.

SAML. R. FISHER.

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report respectfully, that no documents have been placed in the
· your committee. As we have thus no basis of judgment in

the premises, and cannot make any recommendation to Synod, we ask to be discharged. Respectfully submitted.

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

John Meily, of Lebanon, Pa., was chosen to fill the vacancy occurring in the Trustees of the Board of Publication.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The committee appointed by the Synod at Martinsburg, W. Va., to determine the boundary line between the Goshenhoppen and Philadelphia Classes, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to define the boundary line between the Classes of Goshenhoppen and Philadelphia, would report:

That they held a meeting at Pottstown, Pa., on the 3d of May, 1873, of which due public notice was given, so that all parties interested in the matter entrusted to the committee had it in their power to attend, if they wished to do so. After carefully examining into matters, as they relate to the boundary line in question, they agreed on the accompanying report, an official copy of which was submitted to each of the Classes interested. Their particular action in the case will doubtless be found recorded in their respective minutes.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

SAMUEL R. FISHER,
Chairman.

Travelling expenses incurred, $5.

The committee appointed to define the boundary line between the Goshenhoppen and Philadel phia Classes, have attended to the duty assigned them, with the following result:

On a careful examination of the boundary line, as laid down in the original action of the Synod of 1842, creating the Goshenhoppen Classis, the geographical line between the two Classes, commencing at the Schuylkill River and ending at the Delaware River, is formed by the South-eastern lines of Limerick, Perkiomen, Towamencin, and Hatfield townships, in Montgomery county, and of New Britain, Doylestown, and Plumstead townships, Bucks county, Pa. The committee, however, would recommend, with a view to the interests of certain congregations and the convenience of forming pastoral charges, that the Philadelphia Classis cede to Goshenhoppen Classis, Worcester township, Montgomery county, and the Goshenhoppen Classis cede Doylestown township, Bucks county, to the Philadelphia Classis. Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL R. FISHER,
GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH, } *Committee.*
C. F. MCCAULEY,

Pottstown, Pa., May 3, 1873.

The following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Goshenhoppen Classis be requested to allow the St. Peter's congregation to sustain its present relations to the Philadelphia Classis, for the time being.

The committee appointed by the last Synod to communicate to the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, its action in reference to his teaching Theology, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to communicate to the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger an official copy of the action of Synod in regard to his undertaking to fill the office of a Teacher of Theology, without proper ecclesiastical authority or supervision; with instructions, in case he should not respect the injunction of Synod, to institute such constitutional proceedings as shall be necessary to maintain the order of the Church, respectfully report as follows:

Immediately after the adjournment of Synod, an official copy of the action referred to, was mailed at Martinsburg, West Va., to his address. To this a response was received a short time after the adjournment of the General Synod, to which an appeal from said action had been taken by a member of Synod, which appeal the General Synod saw proper to sustain. This action of the General Synod necessarily closed the duties of the committee in the case.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

SAML. R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed by the Synod at its Special Sessions held in Lancaster, Pa., in February last, in reference to the boundary lines between the three Eastern Synods, reported progress, and was continued.

In response to a request of the General Synod, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, agreeably to the request of the General Synod, a committee of three be appointed by this Synod, to co-operate with similar committees of the several District Synods, on the subject of union with the Reformed Church in America.

Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., and elder Levi Fluck, were appointed the committee required by the resolution.

The action of the General Synod, in reference to the Super appeal case, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. John Beck, D.D., George Wolff, and Elder Allen A. Huber, with instructions to report to the Synod at its next annual sessions.

The extract from the Minutes of the Mercersburg Classis, in regard to the action of the General Synod in reference to a proper application of benevolent funds, reported by the Committee on Overtures, was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., John H. A. Bomberger, D.D., and Elder Daniel B. Mauger. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee, to whom was referred the document from the Mercersburg Classis, present the following report:

The Classis of Mercersburg requests this body to overture the General Synod to be held in 1875, to revise the action of the General Synod of 1872, relatively to the principle contended for by said Classis, in what is known as the Dunn Appeal case; and assigns three reasons:

1. The acts of Illinois Classis, by which it obtained too large a representation.

2. The error of St. John's Classis in delegating an Elder, who, in the circumstances, was not entitled to a seat.

3. The fact that seven Elders delegated by Classes belonging to the mother Synod were not allowed to vote, because they had voted on the same question at the Synod of Martinsburg.

Your committee, after mature consideration of the request in its various relations, has come to the conclusion, that it would be inexpedient to overture the General Synod of 1875 to revise the action of the General Synod of 1872.

The roll of the General Synod was valid when the vote was taken on the questions involved in the appeal aforesaid, and no subsequent purging of the roll should have retroactive effect, either really or hypothetically. This is an accepted principle of parliamentary order.

The chief reason, however, why we deem it inexpedient to make the proposed overture is, that such overture would invade an important general principle of order, which ought to be maintained intact. The principle is, that the acts and decisions of a General Synod are and ought to be *final*, that is, open to reconsideration by itself before adjournment, but not subject to revision or reconsideration by a subsequent General Synod.

On some accounts it would be well, that the action of the General Synod be modified. But the modification ought to be effected by commencing a process *de novo*, and conducting it independently of any formal reference to the aforesaid appeal case. And such process, looking to some different action by the General Synod on the duties and rights of Consistories in regard to the payment of funds collected for objects of benevolence, can be originated properly by the Mercersburg Classis itself as well as by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

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The following resolution was submitted to Synod for its consideration:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Synod, a man divorced from his wife, even on the ground of adultery on her part, has no right, according to the Scriptures, to marry again during the life time of his divorced wife.

The resolution was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. William H. Groh, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., and Elder William H. Seibert, with instructions to report at the next annual sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the afternoon of the second day of the sessions, the following resolution was, after considerable discussion, adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod meet in General Convention at its next annual sessions, and that a committee be appointed to propose a suitable place for holding such a convention.

Rev. Franklin J. Mohr, Henry A. Keyser, and Elder William H. Seibert, were appointed the committee called for in the above resolution. This committee, on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions, submitted the following report:

The committee on securing invitations for entertaining the General Convention of the Reformed Church in the United States, would respectfully report:

That they have communicated with several brethren of different places without success. Your committee would, therefore, recommend to this Synod the City of Reading and Bethlehem, as suitable places for holding the proposed Convention, without reference to further invitation.

FR. J. MOHR,
H. A. KEYSER, } *Committee.*
WM. H. SEIBERT.

The report was received, and then laid on the table.

The resolution, making the next annual meeting a General Convention, was reconsidered, and negatived.

In the absence of the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, on the morning of the third day of the sessions, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of Synod be directed to telegraph to the Rev. Amos H. Kremer, D.D., of Lancaster, Pa.,

the Eastern portion, whereas the proposed line places it in the Western portion.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. WOLFF,
M. A. SMITH,
O. L. SCHREIBER, } *Committee.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make provision for the full organization of the two new Classes. Rev. Franklin J. Mohr, Jacob Kehm, and Elder Isaac F. Yost, were appointed the committee called for in this resolution. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to propose the place and time of meeting of the separate parts of the Goshenhoppen Classis for organization, would respectfully report as follows:

1. *The Name.*—That the Western portion be known by the name of Goshenhoppen Classis, and the Eastern portion, by the name of Trinity Classis.

2. *The Time and Place.*—That Goshenhoppen Classis meet on Thursday, the 27th of November, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the Reformed church at Faulkner Swamp; the Rev. L. Kryder Evans to act as Chairman.

That Trinity Classis meet on Wednesday, the 19th of November, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the Reformed church at Quakertown; the Rev. Wm. R. Yearick to act as Chairman.

3. That a committee of three members be appointed from each Classis to make all arrangements as regards finances and property.

Respectfully submitted.

FR. J. MOHR,
J. KEHM,
I. F. YOST, } *Committee.*

Rev. Jacob Kehm, Tilgham O. Stem, and Elder Levi Fluck, were appointed the committee called for in the above report on the part of the Trinity Classis; and Rev. Clementine Z. Weiser, Augustus L. Dechant, and Elder Isaac F. Yost, the committee on the part of the Goshenhoppen Classis.

The Lebanon Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to give a more complete definition of the office of Deacon. The request was referred to the General Synod.

The German Philadelphia Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to be dismissed for the purpose of organizing a German Synod, in connection with other German Classes, as soon as the constitutional number shall be obtained, sub-

ject to the action of the late General Synod. The request was granted.

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Near the close of the sessions, the following resolution was adopte

Resolved, That the several Boards of Synod be again requested send in their reports to Synod by the second day of the sessions Synod, and that the Corresponding Secretary inform the Boards this action.

The following paper was submitted by the Stated Clerk of Synod on the morning of the third day of the sessions:

In the "Easton Daily Express" of August 19th, 1873, is pub lished an article over the signature of J. H. A. Bomberger, relatin to his being called to account by the Synod of Hagerstown, Md., i October, 1868, for improper conduct towards Synod, in which is em bodied the following paragraph:

"After the retraction was acted upon, the postscript qualification was laid on the table by the motion of one of the leaders in the trans action. There it lies to this day. Dr. S. R. Fisher, the Clerk of the Synod, even suppressed it in the subsequent publication of the Min utes, from what motives I leave others to judge."

In this paragraph, I am deliberately charged by a member of thi Synod, with suppressing, for purpose intent, a portion of its Minutes an act involving a betrayal of trust, of such a heinous nature, a would, were I guilty of it, not only render me unworthy of occupyin any longer the position of Clerk of this body, which I am now fillin during its thirty-fourth successive annual sessions; but also forfei for me my good name in the community, and place me in the positio of a felon. I, therefore, respectfully ask this Synod to appoint committee to inquire into the facts in the case, with authority to sen for persons and papers, and report at the present sessions of Synod such action as the nature of the case may demand.

SAMUEL R. FISHER.

Rev. John Beck, D.D., William H. H. Snyder, George Wolff, an Elders David Eshbach and Isaac F. Yost, were appointed the com mittee asked for in this paper. This committee submitted the fol lowing report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the paper of the Rev. Dr. S R. Fisher, the Stated Clerk of Synod, in which he complains agains the Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, for publishing, in the "Easto Daily Express" of Aug. 19th, 1873, a statement of the followin character, viz, that "Dr. S. R. Fisher, the Clerk of Synod, even sup pressed it (the postscript qualification) in the subsequent publicatio of the Minutes, from what motives I leave others to judge," whic statement Dr. Fisher regards as a serious reflection upon his charac ter as Stated Clerk of Synod, would beg leave to offer the followin report:

Your committee, after examining the documents in the case and hearing witnesses and both the parties interested, obtained the signature of the Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger to the following paper:

Inasmuch as contrary to my impression, the Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, the Clerk of Synod, published the Minutes of 1868 as they were adopted by the Synod, I erred in charging him with suppressing the matter in question, and, therefore, take back the charge.

J. H. A. BOMBERGER.

This was submitted to the Rev. Dr. Fisher, and was accepted by him as satisfactory.

Your committee is gratified to report such satisfactory settlement of the difficulty existing between these brethren, and recommend, therefore, the adoption of this report by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BECK,
W. H. H. SNYDER,
GEO. WOLFF,
DAVID ESHBACH,
I. F. YOST.
} *Committee.*

The Committee on Nominations presented their report on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions. It was received, amended, and adopted. The election was ordered to take place at the opening of the afternoon session of the fifth day of the sessions. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have the needed number of copies of the Nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the time appointed, the election was held. Elders William H. Seibert, and David Eshbach, were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the President.

In connection with the election of the Boards connected with the Theological Seminary, an election was held to fill the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College. The election resulted in the choice of George Z. Kunkel, Esq., of Harrisburg, Pa., Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., of Lancaster, Pa., and Goldsboro S. Griffith, of Baltimore, Md.

A communication was received from T. L. Griswold, M. D., Principal of the Normal School in Bloomsburg, Pa., on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions, inviting the members of Synod to visit the institution, at such time as may suit their convenience.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the kind invitation of Dr. Griswold, to visit the Bloomsburg State Normal School, be accepted with thanks, and that Synod visit the institution in a body on Saturday afternoon at 3½ o'clock.

The visit was made at the time appointed, and was higl tory to the members of Synod.

On the afternoon of the third day of the sessions, Re V. Gerhart, D. D., Alfred B. Shenkle, and Elder Davi were appointed a committee, through whom all applicatio of absence are to be presented to Synod.

The following statement was received from the Superi the Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa., and referred to a consisting of the Rev. Martin A. Smith, George H. Jol Elder Owen L. Schreiber:

ORPHANS' HOME, WOMELSDORF, OCT. 15

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in States.

The Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, within the bo Synod, has at present over ninety orphans dependent o ness and benevolence of the members, congregations, a schools of the Reformed Church. It prays, that the same concern heretofore manifested will be continued through Synodical year, the need being as great as ever.

Hoping we remain,

D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Super*

By order of the Board of Managers.

The committee, to whom the above Document was re mitted the following report, which was received and ado

The committee, to whom was referred the report of t tendent of the Orphan's Home at Womelsdorf, beg leave

That they have examined this document, and learn f there are at present over ninety orphans in the Home, pendent upon the fostering care and benevolence of the C

We offer the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Orphans' Home be hereby affecti mended to the continued atttention and liberality of the gregations, and Sunday-schools of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

M. A SMITH,
GEO. H. JOHNSTON, } C
O. L. SCHREIBER.

The following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Orpha requested to present to this Synod an annual report of th prospects, and wants of that—institution.

Rev. John W. Steinmetz and Elder William H. Seibert were appointed a committee, to collect an assessment of fifty cents upon each member of Synod, for defraying the immediate contingent expenses of the present sessions. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed, to collect fifty cents from each member of Synod, would respectfully beg leave to report:

That they have obtained $26—out of which sum they have paid $1,68, for telegraphing, $1, for printing tickets, and by advice of the pastor, have paid $12 to the sexton for his services, leaving a balance of $11,32, which we recommend Synod to pay into the hands of the Treasurer of the congregation, in whose house of worship Synod has held its present sessions.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. STEINMETZ, *Chairman.*

The West Susquehanna Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to take measures towards securing a proper religious celebration of our National Centennial Independence by our churches. This request was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. William H. Groh, Augustus L. Dechant, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., and Elders Henry Miller and Joseph Frederick, with instructions to report at the next annual session of Synod.

The following statement was received from the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of Ministers of the Reformed Church," and ordered to be incorporated in the minutes.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The income of this Society for the year ending October, 1873, amounts to $2,898,34. The invested fund has been increased in the sum of $1000. Annuities have been paid to *eight* widows and *two* infirm ministers. Balance in the Treasury at this time is $1407,94; of this balance, $1000 will be added to the Invested Fund.

The whole amount of assets is $13,157.94.

THEODORE APPEL, *Treasurer.*

BLOOMSBURG, PA., OCT. 20TH, 1873.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of this Society be requested to issue an appeal through the Church papers, for a collection in behalf of this Society, to be lifted on the second Sunday in June, 1874.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastor and members of the Reformed Church of Bloomsburg, Pa., and other citizens of the place, for the very kind hospitality extended to its members, during the present sessions; and that the pastor of the congregation be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit, and have it published in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the officers of the Philadelphia and Reading, Northern Central, Lehigh Valley, and Delaware, Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railroads, for permitting its members to pass over their respective roads at reduced fare.

The roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The minutes were read, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet again in annual sessions in the Reformed Church at Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pa., on the third Wednesday in October, A. D., 1874, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned with singing, the repetition of the Creed, Prayer, the Doxology, and Apostolic benediction, by the President.

CHARLES H. LEINBACH, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the Original Minutes.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

ERRATA.

The reader is requested to correct the following errors:

In the Report on the State of Religion, Page 30, first sentence, in second paragraph, complete so as to read instead of *faithful*, "faithfully administered."

Page 31, transfer the word "even" at the end of the third line from the top, so as to place it between the words "not" and "directly" in the fourth line.

Same page, 27th line, instead of the word "regularly" read "regular."

The first name of Elder Mauger, has been given as *Daniel* throughout the Minutes. It should have been *David*.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contrib'ns.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph S. Dubbs, D.D.,		Superannuated,														Allentown, Lehigh County, Pa.
John Zuilch,	5	Jacob's, &c.,	1200		120	92		719			65	20				Steinsville, do do
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	4	Zeigel, &c.,	750	640	112	107		670		100	43	6	400	$479 46		Fogelsville, do do
J. Sassaman Herman,	4	Kutztown,	1240	610	180	30	4	960		2	79	7	430			Kutztown, Berks County, do
Charles Becker,	5	Chestnut Hill,	750		80	13		425			36	5				Brodheadsville, Monroe do
Cyrus J. Becker,	2	Howertown,	545	442	45	29	6	490			23	4		1017 34		Catasauqua, Lehigh do
Alfred J. Herman,	6	Zion.	640	280	75	44		460			43	6		152 00		Maxatawny, Berks do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	530	375	52	13		450		5	25	4	220	151 33		Bethlehem, Northampton do
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,	560	350	45	14	42	390		18	25	1		300 00		do do do
John Beck, D. D.,	1	Easton,	450	430	30	11	1	365		75	25	1	386	1308 40		Easton, do do
Ernest W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield,	875	600	40	30		557			25	4		125 00		Nazareth, do do
Wm. R. Hofford,	1	South Whitehall,	200		8	24		172			6	2		272 50		Allentown, Lehigh do
Abr. Bartholomew,	5	Weissport,	650	525	204	16	1	415			48	11		198 81		Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Zion's Ref., Allento'n,	693	452	45	46	22	456		7	44	1	534	323 21		Allentown, Lehigh do
Robt. Lisberger,	1	Oxford Furnace,														Nazareth, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,	4	Jordan Charge,	800	600	75	116		500			47	10		298 00		Fogelsville, Lehigh do
Martin A. Smith,	3	Dryland do	875	600	36	17	5	500		3	16	2	200	204 00	$750 00	Nazareth, Northampton do
Israel S. Weisz,	4	Mt. Bethel,	590	540	47	31	8	482		15	36	8		590 00	1300 00	Stone Church, do do
J. C. Julius Kurtz,	2	Tamaqua,	550	250	57	14		260			17	2		71 00		Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Samuel A. Leinbach	3	Egypt charge,	525		72	76		351		1	25	7	350	280 35		Coplay, Lehigh do
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	St. John's Eng. Ref.,	286	200	17	10	9	205		3	2	1	200	329 14		Allentown, Lehigh do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Slatington,	400	230	48	28	7	353		3	27	4	255	257 35		Slatington, do do
Daniel E. Schoedler,	2	Brodheadsville,	210	275	38	32		168			14	2	260	40 00		Brodheadsville, Monroe do
Frederick H. Schwartz,		Bernville,	600		98			400			24			36 50		Bernville, Berks do
Thomas C. Porter, D. D.,		Prof., Lafayette Col.,														Easton, Northampton do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	3	Macungie,	530	250	92	31		380			58	4		1687 00		Allentown, Lehigh do
Benjamin Weiss,	4	Lenhardsville,	475	300	50	33		405			20	6	450	36 00		Lenhardsville, Berks do
Jared Fritzinger,	2	Petersville,	250	125	33	34		200		2	22	2	100	33 28	1000 00	[illegible]
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	2	Kreidersville,	460	482	64	[illegible]										
George H. Johnson		[illegible]														

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Students for Minist.	Members.	Unconfir'd	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools	S. S. Schl's	Benev. Contribu's	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Gring,		Superannuated,				14						15				Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Aaron S. Leinbach,	8	Schwartzwald,	2	1300		249	43		1113			93	10		$230 72	Reading, Berks do
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	1	900	700	83	36	23	575		14	31	1	382	395 50	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	2	Schuylkill Haven,	2	750	360	69	57	14	609	1	5	36	4	260	106 57	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	4	Annville,		400	275	21	12	5	296		8	12	4	300	943 10	Annville, Lebanon do
Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Reading,		353		34	25	21	275		11	32	1	240	2028 60	Reading, Berks do
T. Calvin Leinbach,	5	Bernville,	2	1425	900	102	40		1041		2	60	15	700	500 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff,	3	Myerstown,	2	860	500	40	36	12	700		16	21	3	350	500 00	Myerstown, Lebanon do
Benj. Bausman, D. D.,	1	St. Paul, Memorial,	1	400		24	46	150	400			8			103 25	Reading, Berks, do
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,		168	70				130				1	150		Lebanon, Lehigh do
Charles H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken,		1160	700	75	43	10	1025		8	35	8	350	1200 00	Stouchsburg, Berks do
John P. Stein,	1	Trinity Ch., Pottsville,		100	45	17	2	16	95		2	6	1	100	459 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Eli E. Heister,	3	Hanover,		190	125	32	8		150		5	7	3	75	65 79	Grantville, Dauphin do
Daniel B. Albright,	1	Orphans' Home,	1	42	56	2	28		45		3		1	90	170 00	Womelsdorf, do
Isaac E. Graeff,	2	Trin'y Ch., Tamaqua,	1	170	165	18	11	2	142			10	2	140	175 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Jno. O. Johnson,	1	St. John's, Sch. Haven,		180	170	32	19	5	135		5	12	1	225	193 81	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lk'l. do
Henry A. Keyser,	1	St. Paul's, Mahanoy,	2	340	200	40	26	8	300			12	1	240	625 00	Mahanoy, Schuylkill do
C. H. Mutschler,	4	Swatara,	1	421	250	42	21	2	300		2	6	2	100	124 66	Jonestown, do
Frederick W. Dechant,	2	Minersville,		178	100	13			46			19	2			Reading, Berks do
Jas. A. Schultz,	1	St. John's, Reading,		200	200	3	22	42	151			4	2	350	30 15	do do do
Wm. F. P. Davis,	4	Sinking Spring,	1	1200	600	175	184	20	990		8	66	10	400	61 00	do do do
Henry Leiss,	4	Orwigsburg,		335	210	30	30	1	256			15	4	200	67 34	Orwigsburg, do
Henry Mosser,	1	First Ch., Reading,	4	750		58	20	39	550		327	55	1	500	1188 00	Reading, Berks do
M. L. Fritch,	3	Alleghany,		110		4	17		70			4	1		126 28	Schillingsville, do
Robert S. Apple,	3	Schartelsville,		857	500	46	36		664			24	2	150		Hamburg, do
Vacant,	4	Pine Grove,		450	200	7			154				2	90	97 29	
A. S. Stauffer,	2	St. Clair,		90	40	7		6	40		2	4	2	90	7 00	St. Clair, do
	1	Jonestown,		150	100	3	16		116			6	1	85	56 52	
Vacant,	2	Sheafferstown,		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S.S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contriba's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Weiser, D. D.		Retired,													Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Samuel Hess,		do													Hellertown, North'pton do
Lewis C. Herman,		do													Gilbertsville, Montg'y do
Peter S. Fisher,*	3	Sellersville,	395		26	39	6	360		2	11	3		$134 50	Sellersville, Bucks do
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown,	362	117	15	17	9	326		5	7	2	67	159 84	Hilltown, do do
C. Zwingli Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	900	500	61	43	5	800		5	34	2	400	800 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham,	800	550	65	44		676		3	30	4	150	194 50	Bucksville, Bucks do
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg,	620	550	77	61		530		6	45	5	200	535 59	Oley, Berks do
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	560	300	65	39		480		4	35	4	265	269 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
R. Leighton Gerhart,	2	Riegelsville,	180	90				168				2			Riegelsville, Bucks do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Falconer Swamp,	642	568	51	36	11	617		4	36	1	112	222 00	Boyertown, Berks do
Levi C. Sheip,	1	Doylestown,	90	63	7	11	4	80			2	1	90		Doylestown, Bucks do
Simon K. Gross,	2	Ridge Valley,	303	63	32	31		249			24	2		38 50	Sellersville, do do
Amandus F. Ziegler,	2	St. Paul's,	270	180	39	29		225			19	2	100	139 88	Bingen, Northampton do
Tilghman O. Stem,	4	Lower Saucon,	560	350	53	29	4	440			10	4		584 24	Hellertown, do do
L. D. Leberman,	4	Pottstown,	839	384	87	20	21	694		3	38	3		349 50	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Jacob Kehm,	2	Indian Creek,	800	400	39	23	10	650		4	39	1	250	335 87	Sellersville, Bucks do
Nathan Z. Snyder,	2	South Bethlehem,	210	185	32	15	21	145		6	23	2	168	44 12	South Bethlehem, Northampt., do
L. Kryder Evans,	1	Trinity Church,	470	350	68	29	10	430		4	30	1	250	250 88	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Franklin J. Mohr,	4	Quakertown,	426		60	69	72	380		12	17	4	220	206 68	Quakertown, Bucks do
S. M. K. Huber,	3	Wentz's,	588	198	35	15	15	432		12	25	3	285	376 74	Worcester, Montgomery do
Henry Hess, Supply,	2	Springfield & Flatl'nd,	490	145	19	22		300			14			48 00	Pleasant Hill, Bucks do
Congregations Supplied.															
J. M. Hartzell,†	1	New Hilltown,	81					67		4	2	1	90	24 87	North Wales, Montgomery do
A. F. Ziegler,	2	Keller & Applebach's,	210	115	9	1		162		2	8	2	75	103 04	Bingen, Northampton do
Vacant,	2	Upper Saucon,	580	200	57	35		470		2	25	2		141 36	
Total, 22.	56		10376	5308	897	608	188	8681		78	474	51	2722	$4959 11	

* Deceased. † Member of Philadelphia Classis. The number of Beneficiary Students under care of Classis—6.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	2	Trappe,	330		6	2	6	292			4	1	110		Freeland, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	125	30				125		7	1	2	85	$47 00	Chester Springs, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	160	45	6			150		1		1	50	17 00	do do do
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	370	100	21	30	8	300			15	3	200	95 37	Vincent, do do
Abraham Romich,	1	St. Stephen's,	180	125	89	29	40	150		27	17	1	130	12 50	No. 2322 Parish St., Philad., do
John Gantenbein,	1	St. Paul's,	185	165	45	15	25	140		20	2	1	140	67 00	No. 1542 Christian St., do do
D. Ernest Klopp,	1	Trinity,	250	50	12	21	8	230		3	3	1	300	150 00	No. 1541 N. 7th St., do do
Simon M. K. Huber,	1	Wentz's,	320	110	9		5	255		9	9	1	95	224 12	Worcester, Montgomery Co., do
Charles G. Fisher,	1	Boehm's,	209	132	19	9		150			12	1	85	170 00	Winchester, Va.
M. S. Rowland,	1	East Vincent,	194		8	7	3	125			2	1	70	125 00	Spring City, Chester Co., Pa.
do supply,	1	St. Matthew's,	144	110	3			100			1				
Edwin H. Nevin, D. D.,	1	First Ch., Race Str.,	268		4	17	15	200		1	2	2	260	1500 00	No. 719 Marshall St., Philad., do
Joseph H. Dubbs,	1	Christ Church,	201	75	18	17	16	167		5	5	2	190	1856 44	No. 1727 Mt. Vernon St., do do
J. M. Hartzell,	1	St. Luke's,	100	38	10	20	2	84		2	4	1	110	13 16	N. Wales, Montgomery Co., do
John G. Noss,	1	St. John's,	35	38	3		12	30		2	1	1	35	25 00	No. 4042 Haverford St. Phila., do
W. C. Hendrickson,	1	Heidelberg,	154	50	11	19	28	190		3		1	169	1319 00	1310 North 19th St., do do
Henry M. Kieffer,	1	Ascension,	150	40	7	1	6	102		5	7	1	125	205 45	Norristown, do
Vacant,	1	Pleasantville,	220	90	12	4	5	180		1	1	2	190	20 00	
Daniel Feete,	1	2 Ref. Ch. Norristown,	29		1			29			1				Norristown, do
Samuel Miller,* Supply,	1	St. John's, Del.,	30	22	3			30		10	1	1	25		
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Ed. Ref. Ch. Mess'ger,													No. 907 Arch St., Philad., do
C. W. Shultz,		Without Charge,													Camden, N. J.
George Leidy,		do do													Norristown, Pa.
Charles Lukens,		do do													Frankford, Philadelph'a, do
W. D. C. Rodrock,		do do													Colmar, Montgomery Co., do
H. W. Super,		Prof. in Ursinus Col.,													Freeland, do do
John Van Haagen, Lic.,		do do													do do do
Total, 24.	24		3654	1220	287	191	179	3029		96	88	24	2369	$5847 04	

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu'n.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel C. Tobias,	4	Bethany,	325	140	38	27	4	240		2	6	2	100	$76 22	Litiz, Lancaster Co., Pa.
William T. Gerhard,	1	St. John's, Lancaster,	357	158	19	20	47	285		34	12	1	157	54 60	Lancaster City, do do
John G. Fritchey, Supply,	3	Elizabethtown,	160	60	20	10	1	150		1	4	3	150	28 25	do do do
John W. Nevin, D.D.,	1	College church,	80	17	2	6	13	79			2			688 04	do do do
John G. Wolff,		Without charge,													do do do
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	360	300	19	21	6	315		6	13	1	260	1000 38	do do do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,													do do do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	254	112	27	27	3	185			9	1	60	174 43	Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Joseph B. Shumaker,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	225	153	11	1	2	165		1	4	1	202	700 00	Lancaster City, Lancaster do
John V. Eckert, Supply	3	Manheim,	105	50	8	5		76			2	2	90	60 00	Columbia, do do
Joseph Hannabery,	2	New Providence,	158	141	5	4	1	128		1	5	2	180	61 13	N. Providence, do do
Frederick A. Gast,		Prof. in Seminary,													Lancaster City, do do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	300	175	27	17	17	260		4	10	1	413	747 02	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
George W. Snyder,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	75	63	6	3	15	46		1	3	1	90	316 20	do do do
Darius W. Gerhard,	3	New Holland,	325	190	40	26	4	250		3	9	3	180	179 05	N. Holland, Lancaster do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Millersville,	264	100	14	12	1	203		3	3	3	243	600 03	Millersville, do do
Stephen Schweitzer,	6	Reamstown,	750	345	50	29	1	455			41	5	345	90 00	Union Station, do do
Vacant,	1	Zwingli, Harrisburg,	109	60	4	16		90				1	45	15 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem.,													Lancaster City, do do
Thomas G. Apple, D.D.,		do do													do do do
John S. Stahr,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,													do do do
Walter E. Krebs,		do do													do do do
Calvin U. Heilman,		College Agent,													do do do
Oliver L. Ashenfelter,		Without charge,													Bridgeport, Gloucester Co., N. J.
George W. Glessner,		do													Lancaster City, Lan. Co., Pa.
Conrad Clever,	1	Columbia,	83	64				70							Columbia, do do
Total, 25.	36		3930	2128	290	224	115	2997		56	123	27	2515	$4790 35	

Benevolent Students:—Ambrose D. Gring, S. Reid Bridenbaugh, Jacob B. Hissey, A. D. Shullenberger and Edward McCoy.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S.S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland,	210	190	59	27		200			19	1	100	$40 00	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John W. Steinmetz,	3	Danville,	310	235	25	12		290		4	12	4	350	450 00	Danville, Montour do
Samuel H. Reid,*	1	Milton,	208	260	5		6	208		1	3	1	230	50 00	Milton, Northumberland do
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	6	North Susquehanna,	300	240	45	32		260		2	7	5	180	58 67	Berwick, Columbia do
Henry Mosser,†	3	Paradise,	463		23	23	13	410		7	8	3	300	365 46	McEwensville, North'berl'nd do
David W. Kelly,	3	Shamokin,	290		47	23	17	265		20	30	3	260	40 00	Shamokin, Northumberland do
John W. Lescher,	5	Berrysburg,	385		42	24	8	350		10	9	5	210	1330 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
John Wolbach,	6	Mahanoy,	450	350	36	19		336		1	16	7		133 87	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
Alfred Houtz,	4	Orangeville,	227		14	8	2			1	14	4		69 22	Orangeville, Columbia do
Jos. H. Schlappig,	3	Cherry Mission,	80		31	7	3	100		1	5	1		45 42	Overton, Bradford do
Calvin S. Gerhard,	1	Sunbury,	170	100	15	12	13	150			7	1	100	63 33	Sunbury, Northumberland do
Tilghman Derr,	3	Mt. Zion's,	475	270	24	5	12	400		13	26	3	230	80 37	Turbotville, do do
Henry S. Bassler,	6	Deep Creek,	400	300	30	6	3	350			24	7		73 00	Heginsville, Schuylkill do
John M. Clemens,	5	Conyngham,	530	340	62	75	7	628		5	24	5	240	126 27	Conyngham, Luzerne do
T. Frank Hoffmeier,	2	Bloomsburg,	225	120	19	16	2	182		5	8	2	115	101 36	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
Maximilian Frankel,	2	Hazleton,	980	450	126	30		890		86	39	2	300	235 50	Hazleton, Luzerne do
William G. Engel,	6	Uniontown,	700	500	83	73	2	500		1	50	6	400	127 33	Pillow, Dauphin do
Geo. B. Dechant,	4	Catawissa,	300	200	30	35	1	248			12	3		26 20	Catawissa, Columbia do
A. Krahn,	1	Emanuel's,	100	80	3		49	46				1	80		Hazleton, Luzerne do
John Kretzing,	1	Lykens,	92					50				1			Lykens, Dauphin do
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	6	Armstrong Valley,	210		29	22		190			17	5	325	15 00	Halifax, do do
	4	Union,	200												
Total, 23.	4	Augusta,	390												
	80		7695	3635	748	449	138	6053		157	330	70	3420	$3431 00	

Without charge: Rev. John J. Waldburger. Licentiate: E. Albert Ludwig, Danville, Montour Co., Pa. Theological Students: Wm. F. Foust and Charles F. Sunday. * Resigned, April 1, 1873. † Dismissed to Lebanon Classis.

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	421	384	31	23	9	368		4	7	6	235	$264 53	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Beaver Springs,	400	375	73	13		400		6	52	5	300	118 36	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany Valley,	290	195	23	17	1	252		7	5	2	175	123 50	Walker, Centre do
David G. Klein,	1	Eden,	46	46	6	7	1	40				1	45		Walker, do do
Cyrus H. Reiter,	4	Aaronsburg,	485	340	32	11	11	330		8	10	4	225	176 00	Aaronsburg, do do
Uriah H. Heilman,	2	Lewisburg,	350	150	6	14	2	275		2	4	2	125	78 26	Lewisburg, Union do
George E. Addams,	3	Mifflinburg,	370	100	16	13	13	253		2	18	3	200	253 20	Mifflinburg, do do
	6	New Berlin,	380	200	52			300			20	4	150	509 40	New Berlin, Snyder do
Daniel M. Wolf,	3	Bellefonte,	160	125	16	7	5	145		4	2	1	96	127 59	Lancaster, Lancaster do
William W. Clouser,	4	White Deer,	312	248	37	8	17	312			17	3	150	68 32	West Milton, Union do
Wm. A. Haas,	5	Selinsgrove,	360	240	45	28	2	330		1	21	5	275	60 00	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
Andrew J. Heller,	1	Williamsport,	140	90	14	15	11	115			9	1	90	23 75	Williamsport, Lycoming do
William M. Landis,	6	Rebersburg,	274	217	27	24	9	214		2	6	5	160	109 17	Rebersburg, Centre do
Horace Daniel,	6	Liverpool,													Sciota, Monroe do
Jonathan Zeller,		Without charge,													Lock Haven, Clinton do
J. C. Bucher, D.D.,		do													Lewisburg, Union do
A. B. Caspar,		do													New Berlin, Snyder do
Total, 16.	55		3988	2710	378	180	81	3334		36	171	42	2226	$1912 08	

GERMAN CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's,	713	435	131	55	20	710		15	65	2	483	$845 95	No. 1230 N. 6th St., Phila., Pa.
John G. Wiehle,	1	Salem's,	1087	700	478	151	36	1450			159	3	790	950 00	No. 530 St. John St., do do
John G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem's,	500	280	92	52	60	600		10	82	2	542	453 32	No. 1304 Howard St., do do
Jacob Dahlman, Jr.,	1	Emanuel's,	165	125	19	17	5	130		15	3	1	125	145 77	No. 413 N. 38th St., do do
Charles Becker,	1	Bethlehem's,	90	65	9	4	3	80		3	5	1	60	57 27	Glassboro, N. J.
Christian Keller,	1	Emanuel's,	74	68	20	7	6	60			11	1	111	33 90	Bridesburg, Phila., Pa.
John Bachman,	2	Zion's,	60	45	2	5		40			2	2	70	9 50	Egg Harbor, N. J.
Jacob Dahlman, Sr.,		Without charge,													Collegeville, Montg'ry Co., Pa.
Gotthold Neeff,		1st Ref. Ch., Pottsv.,													Baltimore, Md.
Total, 9.	8		2689	1718	751	291	130	3070		43	327	12	2181	$2495 71	

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School's.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John F. Busche,	1	New York,	330	150	213	60	10	300		5	9	1	200	$148 00	108 Rivington St., N. Y. City.
Lewis B. Schwarz,															Boston, Mass.
Philip A. Schwarz,	1	Boston,	160		40			150			5	1	90		do do
Charles Bank,	2	New Brunswick,	270	200	55	12	6	240		4	12	2	100	72 41	New Brunswick, N. J.
A. Lepp,	1	Rahway,	178		34	10	6	135					150		Rahway, N. J.
Kaspar Brunner,	1	Bridgeport,	96		65	17	6	70		9	7	1	90		Bridgeport, Conn.
J. J Rösch, Lic.	1	Breslau,	80		36			70			3	1			Breslau, L. Isl.
Oscar Lohr,		Foreign Missionary,													Bisrampore, India.
John S. Ebaugh,		Emeritus,													Jersey City, N. J.
E. M. Shultz, Lic.															38 Bleeker St., New York.
Total, 10.	7		1114	350	443	99	28	965		18	36	6	630	$220 41	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	Students for Ministry.
East Pennsylvania,	33	86	16,529	9,079	1,802	970	178	11,697		236	851	130	4,155	$7,778 48	$3,250 00	
Lebanon,	30	75	14,154	6,766	1,304	850	377	11,205	1	418	618	97	6,866	9,667 49		20
Philadelphia,	24	24	3,654	1,220	287	191	179	3,029		96	88	24	2,369	5,847 04		
Goshenhoppen,	22	56	10,376	5,308	897	608	188	8,681		78	474	51	2,722	4,959 11		6
New York,	10	7	1,114	350	443	99	28	965		18	36	6	630	220 41		
Lancaster,	25	36	3,930	2,128	290	224	115	2,997		56	123	27	2,515	4,790 35		5
East Susquehanna,	23	80	7,695	3,635	748	449	138	6,053		157	330	70	3,420	3,431 00		2
West Susquehanna,	16	55	3,988	2,710	378	180	81	3,334		36	171	42	2,226	1,912 08		
German Philadelphia,	9	8	2,689	1,718	751	293	130	3,070		43	327	12	2,181	2,495 71		
Total, 9 Classes.	192	427	64,129	32,914	6,900	3,864	1,414	51,031	1	1,138	3,018	459	27,084	$41,101 67	$3,250 00	33
Synod of Ohio & Adjacent States. 9 Classes.	132	294	20,705	12,438	1,881	1,400	651	17,652	206	240	585	211	14,491	10,771 56		
Synod of the North West. 7 Classes.	120	213	13,332	10,929	1,590	911	569	10,925	53	203	423	138	4,868	7,356 87		
Synod of Pittsburgh. 6 Classes.	59	133	10,276	8,636	1,944	583	267	8,613	11	137	580	104	5,485	11,157 00		
Synod of the Potomac. 5 Classes.	92	248	25,587	16,744	1,984	1,123	411	21,887	14	269	859	214	13,210	12,724 92		24
Total, 5 Synods, 36 Classes.	595	1315	134,029	81,661	14,299	7,881	3,312	110,108	285	1,987	5,465	1126	65,138	$83,112 02	$3,250 00	57

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions, held in Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the Twenty-first, and continued until the evening of the Twenty seventh day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions of Synod were opened with singing and prayer by the President, the Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, prior to which he preached a sermon from 1 Timothy, v. 17: "*Let the elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. Isaac K. Loos,[1] George H. Johnston, N. S. Strassburger, Samuel A. Leinbach,[2] Samuel G. Wagner, and John Beck, D.D.

Elders. Hon. Joseph Laubach, Owen L. Schreiber, Thomas F. Butz, Milton H. Derr, Jacob Odenwelder, and Joseph Laubach.[3]

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[1] His seat was occupied by the *secundus*, Rev. Daniel F. Brendle, from the afternoon of the third until the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[2] Was succeeded by the *secundus*, Rev. Daniel F. Brendle on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

[3] Took their seats on the morning of the second day of the sessions.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., Aaron S. Leinbach,[4] Benjamin Bausman, D.D., John O. Johnston, Thomas A. Leinbach, and J. A. Fuendeling.

Elders. David Ermentrout, George G. Heilman, Samuel H. Madden, Edward K. Killmer, Daniel Small,[5] and Ephraim B. Shuey.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. Edwin H. Nevin, D.D., David E. Klopp, Daniel Feete, and Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.[6]

Elders. William Ludwig, Jones Detwiler,[8] Dr. Thomas Ingram,[7] and J. David Miller.[8]

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Rev. John F. Busche.

Elder. George Breit.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., Amos H. Kremer, D.D., Conrad Clever, Stephen Schweitzer,[9] and John S. Stahr.[9]

Elders. Isaac Bushong, Daniel Helm, Adam Hersh, Jacob S. Roath,[10] and William H. Seibert.[9]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. John Kretzing, William G. Engle, George B. Dechant, and John Wolbach.[9]

Elders. Dr. C. L. B. Dechant, William Wiest and J. R. Hilbush.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. William A. Haas, William M. Landis, and Cyrus H. Reiter.[11]

Elders. Philip Frederick, Edward B. Kramm and Jacob Dunkle.

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[4] Was succeeded by the *secundus*, Rev. John P. Stein, from the morning of the fourth until the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[5] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the seventh day of sessions.

[6] His seat was occupied by the *primarius*, Rev. William C. Hendrickson, from the afternoon of the third until the evening of the seventh day of the sessions.

[7] Took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions, and obtained leave of absence on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[8] Took his seat on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

[9] Took their seats on the evening of the second day of the sessions.

[10] Was succeeded by Elder Edward J. Zahm on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

[11] Was succeeded by the *primarius*, Rev. Hiram King, on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

VIII. FROM THE GERMAN PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

Rev. Jacob Dahlman and John Bachman.
Elder. Jacob Schmidt.

IX. FROM THE GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

Rev. L. Kryder Evans and Simon M. K. Huber.
Elders. Frederick H. Stauffer,[12] and David B. Mauger.[3]

X. FROM THE TOHICKON CLASSIS.

Rev. Tilghman O. Stem, and David Rothtrock.
Elders. Anthony Laubach,[13] and Charles Christman.[3]

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present during one or more of the sessions of Synod:

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania: Rev. A. B. Koplin, Daniel F. Brendle, Martin A. Smith, William R. Hofford, Jared Fritzinger, Thomas C. Porter, D.D., Charles A. Rittenhouse, Levi K. Derr, Alfred J. G. Dubbs, and Elder William Siegfried.

From the Classis of Lebanon: Rev. William F. P. Davis, Henry, A. Keyser, Charles H. Leinbach, M. L. Fritch, E. D. Miller, George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., and Daniel W. Albright.

From the Classis of Philadelphia: Rev. Charles W. Schultz, Josiah D. Detrick, Joseph H. Dubbs, and Elder Charles Santee.

From the Classis of Lancaster. Rev. William T. Gerhard, and Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., and Elder Edward J. Zahm.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna: Rev. John W. Steinmetz.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna: Rev. William H. Groh.

From the German Classis of Philadelphia: Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D.D.

From the Classis of Goshenhoppen: Rev. Augustus L. Dechant, Eli Keller and Lewis C. Herman.

From the Classis of Tohickon.—Rev. Nathan Z. Snyder, Samuel Hess, R. Leighton Gerhart, J. G. W. Dengler, Jacob Kehm, Simon K. Gross, and Franklin J. Mohr.

From the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States: Rev. William G. Hackman.

From the Synod of Pittsburgh: Rev. Franklin K. Levan.

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[12] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.
[13] Took his seat on the morning of the second, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

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[illegible] HER CHURCHES.

[illegible] was announced at intervals

[illegible] V. Weiskotten, J. B. Rath,

[illegible] Henry Bachman, Bishop

[illegible] Mander.

[illegible]

[illegible] OFFICERS.

[illegible] President.

[illegible] Corresponding Secretary.

[illegible] Clerk.

[illegible] Treasurer.

[illegible] IV.

[illegible] ERDER.

[illegible] the Stated Clerk.

[illegible] house to be the first eight pew

VI. [illegible] for opening and closing th

Rev. John [illegible] and close at 11½ o'clock.

John Weibach. [illegible] and close at 5 o'clock.

Elders. Dr. [illegible] second and seventh day of th

VII. [illegible]

Rev. W[illegible]

Elders. [illegible]

[illegible] MITTEES.

[illegible] President:

[illegible] Stem, Samuel A. Leinbac

[illegible] Ermentrout and Jac

[illegible] J. A. Fraendeling, and Isaac I

[illegible] Mat[illegible] H. Derr.

[illegible] Rev. William A. Haas, Dani

[illegible] Jacob Dunkle and Samuel I

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* Was succ[illegible] fourth until th[illegible]

† Obtained leave [illegible]

‡ His seat was [illegible] the afternoon of [illegible]

§ Took his seat [illegible] leave of absence [illegible]

‖ Took his seat [illegible]

¶ Took their [illegible]

** Was succeed[illegible] of the session [illegible]

†† Was succ[illegible] second day of the [illegible]

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. George H. Johnston, Aaron S. Leinbach, and Jacob Dahlman, and Elders Edward L. Killmer and Edward B. Kramm.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Rev. John Beck, D. D., David E. Klopp, and Samuel A. Leinbach, and Elders Hon. Joseph Laubach and George G. Heilman.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Rev. Edwin H. Nevin, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., and William M. Landis, and Elders Owen L. Schreiber and Adam Hersh.

Theological Seminary.—Rev. L. Kryder Evans, Thomas C. Leinbach, and John O. Johnston, and Elders Thomas F. Butz and Daniel Small.

Missions.—Rev. Amos H. Kremer, D.D., William G. Engle, and William M. Landis, and Elders Jacob S. Roath and J. R. Hilbish.

Finance.—Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, Conrad Clever, and David Rothtrock, and Elders Dr. C. L. B. Dechant and Frederick H. Stauffer.

Nominations.—Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D.D., Simon M. K. Huber, and George B. Dechant, and Elders William Ludwig and William Wiest.

Publication.—Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., David Rothtrock, and John Bachman, and Elders George Breit and Jacob B. Odenwelder.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, New York, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, German Philadelphia, Goshenhoppen, and Tohickon Classes were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

2. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3. The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, was received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance.

4. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication, and also communications from the German Philadelphia Classis in reference to the publication of the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung," were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

5. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual sessions was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted their report, which was received taken up item by item, amended, and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Synod, respectfully report the following items, claiming the attention of this Synod:

Item 1. Instruction given to our delegates to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. P. 24.

Item 2. Instructions given to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary in reference to securing an agent to collect funds for the Seminary. P. 47.

Item 3. The Classes requested to take action on the subject of Beneficiary Education. P. 48.

Item 4. Reiteration of a request to the Faculty of the Theological Seminary to provide for the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Theological Seminary. P. 50 and 51.

Item 5. The officers of Synod instructed to make out a call to Rev. Frederick A. Gast, Professor elect of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology and a Committee appointed to inaugurate him in his office Dr. Fisher, chairman. P. 56.

Item 6. The Classes requested to hold missionary conventions P. 70.

Item 7. The German Classis of Philadelphia instructed to correspond with the Chrischona Pilger-mission Institute, Basel, Switzerland, or the Evangelisten Schule of Rev. C. Stursberg, Mühlheim an der Ruhr, Prussia, to obtain candidates for the holy ministry. P. 7[illegible]

Item 8. Stated Clerk instructed to have a certain number of copies of Minutes of Synod, in English and German, published. P. 75.

Item 9. The German Classis of Philadelphia, to report the defects in the translation of the German Order of Worship. P. 77.

Item 10. East Susquehanna Classis instructed to complete its action in the case of the Milton congregation. P. 80.

Item 11. The subject of Sunday-schools, Committee appointed to devise a plan for the discussion thereof, by Synod. Rev. H. A. Keyser, chairman. P. 80.

Item 12. The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, constituted a committee to procure the MSS. of Dr. Harbaugh, for the Library of the Seminary. P. 86.

Item 13. Committee on a selection of Hymns continued. P. 86.

Item 14. Committee to select Hymns to be added to the German Order of Worship, Rev. Nicholas Gehr, chairman. P. 87.

Item 15. Request to Goshenhoppen Classis to permit the St.

Peter's congregation to hold its present relation to the Philadelphia Classis. P. 89.

Item 16. Committee on the Super appeal case, Rev. John Beck, D. D., chairman. P. 89.

Item 17. Permission given the Goshenhoppen Classis to organize two new Classes, and the time appointed for said organizations, &c. P. 92.

Item 18. Committee appointed to make all arrangements as to finances and property, between Goshenhoppen and Tohickon Classes. P. 92.

Item 19. Committee to report to Synod on the subject of Divorce. Rev. W. H. Groh, chairman, P. 93.

Item 20. The several Boards of Synod requested to report on the second day of the sessions of Synod, and the Corresponding Secretary instructed to inform them of this action. P. 94.

Item 21. The Board of Managers of the Orphans' Home requested to present an annual report to this Synod. P. 96.

Item 22. A committee appointed to report to this body on the subject of a proper religious celebration of the Centennial of our National Independence, by our churches. Rev. W. H. Groh, chairman. P. 97.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM,
SAML. A. LEINBACH,
J. KRETZING,
DAVID ERMENTROUT,
} *Committee.*

For the result of the action Synod reported in item 1, see Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches; on items 2, 4, 5, and 12, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; on items 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 15, see Article X, Minutes of Classes; on items 8, 13, 14, see Article XIX, Publication; on item 11, see Article XVIII, Sunday-schools; on items 16 and 19 see Article XX, Church Government; on items 17 and 18, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; and on items 20, 21 and 22, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received, and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report the following communications, which have been placed in their hands:

Item 1. A communication from the Rev. F. A. Gast, to the President of the last Synod, announcing his acceptance of the call to the

Professorship in the Theological Seminary, to which he was electe and adding certain suggestions.

Item 2. A communication from the Hon. John W. Killinger, i which he informs Synod, that his term of service as Trustee of Franl lin and Marshall College is about to expire, and asks Synod not t re-elect him.

Item 3. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary o the Synod of Pittsburgh, transmiting the action of Synod, dismissin the West New York Classis, for the purpose of uniting with the Ne York and German Philadelphia Classes of this Synod, and the Ger man Maryland Classis of the Synod of the Potomac, in the organiz tion of a German Synod.

Item 4. An additional communication from the Correspondin Secretary of the Synod of Pittsburgh, transmitting the nomination of that Synod, for filling vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustee and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Item 5. A communication from the Treasurer of the Church Ex tension Fund.

Item 6. A communication from six suspended members of th White Deer Church, Union county, Pa., requesting Synod to instruc the West Susquehanna Classis to investigate the constitutionality c their suspension.

Item 7. A communication from a committee appointed by three c the Classes to superintend the editing of the "Hausfreund."

Item 8. A report from the committee appointed to superinten the publication of the "Hausfreund."

Item 9. A communication from the Board of Managers of tl Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa.

Item 10. A communication from the Board of Missions, in whic they,

(1) Call attention of Synod to the importance of a faithful atten ance upon the meetings of the Board, on the part of its member and

(2) Earnestly request Synod to consider the propriety of recor mending to the Classes to require of their beneficiaries to labor fro three to five years as missionaries, unless specially exempted ther from.

Item 11. A communication from the Treasurer of the Mercer burg Classis to the Treasurer of Synod, assigning reasons for decli ing to pay the balance due from that Classis, on the assessment mac by the Synod at Martinsburg, W. Va.

Item 12. A communication from the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bau man, stating, that, on account of his other excessive labors, he was u able to attend the meetings of the Board of Missions, during the pa year, and asking Synod to excuse him from serving further as a mer ber of this Board.

Item 13. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary the Synod of the Potomac, transmitting its action in relation to tl selection of Hymns to be appended to the "Order of Worship."

Item 14. A communication from the Rev. Dr. C.P. Krauth, delegate of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium to this Synod.

Item 15. A communication from twenty-eight ministers of the Reformed Church, requesting Synod to express its approval of the design and aim of the Musical College at Freeburg, Snyder county, Pa., under the direction of F. C. Myers, Esq., a prominent member of the Reformed Church, and commend it to the favorable consideration of the Classes, pastors and congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Busche,
J. A. Fuendeling,
Isaac K. Loos,
Philip Frederick,
M. H. Derr,
} *Committee.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary. The communications reported in items 2, 4 and 12, were referred to the Committee on Nominations. For the action of Synod on items 3 and 6, see Article XX, Church Government; on items 5 and 10, see Article XIV, Missions; on items 7, 8 and 13, see Article XIX, Publication; on item 9, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on item 11, see Article XV, Finance; and on item 14, see Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches.

In response to the communication reported in item 15, it was

Resolved, That this Synod approves of the object and aim of the institution referred to in the above communication.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following report was received from the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, would respectfully report as follows:

The only document placed in the hands of the Committee is a communication from the Rev. Dr. C. P. Krauth. From this we learn, that he was elected a delegate from the "German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States," to this body. He, however, regrets, that he cannot be on the floor of this Synod. Hence he conveys by letter the "profoundest regards" of the body he represents, to this Synod, and invokes the blessing of God upon its deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Haas,
D. Feete,
Hiram King,
Jacob Dunkle,
Samuel H. Madden,
} *Committee.*

The following report was received from the delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and adopted:

Your delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, respectfully begs leave to report:

That he attended the biennial meeting of that body convened in Canton, Ohio, in the month of June, 1873, and was very kindly received. On taking leave, your delegate was instructed to bear to this Synod the warm regards and Christian greetings of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church. Inasmuch, however, as our Synod has become, by its own act, a subordinate body, the usual election of a delegate was quietly omitted, and it may, therefore, be proper to regard the correspondence as peacefully concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DUBBS.

Traveling expenses $27.

No report was received from the delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, was elected delegate *primarius*, and Rev. Martin A. Smith, delegate *secundus* to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes submit the following report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Lebanon Classis fails to fix the hour of its next annual meeting.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Lebanon Classis requests Synod to instruct its board of Publication to reform certain features in the business department.

2. Same Classis requests Synod to decide whether an Elder *primarius* can be elected to represent Classis in Synod, whilst his seat is occupied by his *secundus*.

3. Goshenhoppen Classis requests Synod to appoint a suitable co-editor of the "Reformed Church Messenger," with a view to relieve the editor of his onerous duties.

4. Lancaster Classis requests Synod to open a column in the statistical table for adult baptisms.

5. New York Classis requests Synod to be dismissed for the purpose of uniting with the German Philadelphia, German Maryland and West New York Classes to form a German Synod, and it pledges itself to continued co-operation with the mother Synod in Missions and general Church work.

6. German Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to take the necessary steps to organize a German Synod in accordance with the action of the last General Synod, as soon as possible.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. The Pastor of St. John's (German) congregation, Lancaster, Pa., gave notice of appeal to Synod from the action of the Lancaster Classis in reference to certain suspended members.

2. Lancaster Classis complains to Synod against the German Philadelphia Classis, for not dismissing Rev. Moritz Noll to the Lancaster Classis after he had received a call within its bounds; and for ordaining him after he had received a call to a charge within its bounds.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Goshenhoppen, West Susquehanna, East Susquehanna, New York, Lancaster, German Philadelphia and Tohickon Classes took favorable action as requested by Synod on Home Missions, Publication, Orphans' Home; on opening a column in the Statistical Table for "Local Objects," and one for Beneficiary and other students studying for the ministry; on explaining the government and discipline of the Church, and on the evils arising from union churches, and on sending only such delegates to Synod as are willing to remain during its sessions.

2. Philadelphia Classis asks to be excused from complying with the request of Synod in reference to Publication interests and Missions.

3. Tohickon Classis organized as per action of Synod, but changed its name from Trinity to Tohickon.

4. German Philadelphia Classis entered into correspondence with St. Chrischona Pilger Mission at Basel and Evangelisten Schule at Müehlheim an der Ruhr, as instructed by Synod, to secure missionaries for the German field in this country.

5. The same Classis reports to Synod, that Rev. G. Neff, a committee of Classis, has pointed out some of the defects of the translation of the "Order of Worship," in the German language, which were published in the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung," of Oct. 16th, 1873.

V. LICENSE, ORDINATION, DISMISSIONS, AND RECEPTIONS.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis dismissed Rev. I. S. Weis to Zion's Classis, Rev. Charles Becker to East Susquehanna Classis, licentiate W. Donat to East Susquehanna Classis, received Rev. A. B. Koplin

from the Somerset Classis, Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock from the Ph delphia Classis, and Rev. H. Daniel from West Susquehanna Clas

2. Lebanon Classis dismissed Rev. I. E. Graeff to St. Pa Classis, ordained the Licentiates M. L. Fritsch, A. S. Stauffer, and H. Hartman, licensed and ordained Rudolph Kunz, and dismis Rev. J. A. Leiss to the German Philadelphia Classis.

3. Philadelphia Classis dismissed the Rev. C. G. Fisher, to t Virgina Classis, licensed and ordained Frederick Walk, dismiss Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock to East Pennsylvania Classis, received t Licentiate J. D. Detrick, and Rev. O. L. Ashenfelter from Lancas Classis, ordained the Licentiate H. M. Kieffer, dismissed Rev. Gantenbein to the prospective Classis to be organized on the Paci coast, licensed J. H. Hunsberger, and dismissed Rev. O. L. Ashe felter to Zion's Classis, and the Licentiate H. F. Seiple to Mercersbu Classis.

4. New York Classis dismissed the Licentiate E. M. Schultz to th New York Classis of the Reformed Church in America, and ordaine the Licentiate J. Roesch, and dismissed him to Tohickon Classis.

5. Lancaster Classis licensed J. D. Detrick, S. B. Schaffer, Jame W. G. Dengler, W. C. Schaffer, J. H. Pannebecker, J. F. De Long ordained J. H. Pannebecker, and the Licentiate C. Clever, receive Rev. M. Noll, dismissed Licentiates S. B. Schaffer and W. C. Schaf fer to Mercersburg Classis, and Licentiate J. D. Detrick to Phil delphia Classis, and J. F. De Long to West Susquehanna Classis an J. W. G. Dengler to Tohickon Classis, Rev. O. L. Ashenfelter t Philadelphia Classis, and G. W. Glessner to Zion's Classis.

6. East Susquehanna Classis dismissed Rev. Albert Krahn Zion's Classis, North Western Synod, and the Rev. D. W. Kelly to Mar land Classis.

7. West Susquehanna Classis licensed and ordained Hiram Kin dismissed Rev. J. K. Millet to the East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. J Daniel to East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. A. J. Heller to Zio Classis, received the Licentiate W. Donat from the East Pennsyl nia Classis, the Licentiate H. D. Darbaker from the Westmorela Classis, and the Licentiate J. F. De Long from the Lancaster Clas

8. German Philadelphia Classis licensed M. Treiber and M. N ordained the latter, dismissed M. Treiber to Maryland Classis a Rev. M. Noll to the Classis of Lancaster, and received Rev. J. Leiss from Lebanon Classis, and Rev. John Roeck from the Ba Mission House.

9. Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. Eli Keller from Lancaste Classis, Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and licensed John Do terer.

10. Tohickon Classis licensed W. H. Bates, and received the Li centiate J. W. G. Dengler from the Lancaster Classis and ordained him.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet at Lenhartsville, Berks Co. Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension Day, 1875, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. Fritzinger, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in the first Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., on the 3d Thursday after Whitsunday, 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., Rev. J. E. Heister, *President*, Rev. J.O. Johnston, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in the Trappe Church, Montgomery Co, Pa., on Friday, June, 11th 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. W. Super, *President*, and Rev. J. G. Noss, *Stated Clerk*.

4. New York Classis will meet on the 2d Sunday in June, 1875, at 7½ P. M. in St. John's Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J. Rev. J. F. Busche, *President*, and Rev. C. Bank, *Stated Clerk*.

5. Lancaster Classis will meet at Hummelstown, Pa., on the first Thursday in June 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Theo. Appel, D.D., *President*, and Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

6. East Susquehanna Classis will meet at Orangeville, Columbia Co. Pa, on the 2d Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1875, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. S. Bassler *President*, and Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *Stated Clerk*.

7. West Susquehanna Classis will meet at Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., on the 1st Wednesday in May, 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. L. C. Edmonds, *President*, and Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

8. German Philadelphia Classis will meet on Sept. 7th, 1875, at 7½ P. M. in Bethlehem Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. J. G. Weible, D.D., *President*, and Rev. J. Dahlman, *Stated Clerk*.

9. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet at Sumneytown, Pa., on the first Thursday in June, 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. C. Z. Weiser, *President*, and Rev. L. J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk*.

10. Tohickon Classis will meet in Rieglesville, Bucks Co., Pa., on the first Friday in June, 1875, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. D. Rothtrock, *President*, and Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. JOHNSTON,
A. S. LEINBACH,
J. DAHLMAN,
E. B. KRAMM,
E. L. KILLMER,
} *Committee.*

For the action of Synod on the Irregularity reported; and on item No. 1, Appeals and Complaints, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; on Requests Nos. 1 and 3, see Article XIX, Publication; on Requests Nos. 2, 5 and 6, see Article XX, Church Government; on Request No. 4, see Religion and Morals; on Appeals and Complaints No. 2, see Article XVII, Complaints; and on items 2, 3 and 5, Subjects referred to Classes, see Article XVI, Appeals and References.

The remaining items in the report were adopted.

y and confidence of mankind. Christ's preaching was sus-
nd enforced with a spirit in harmony with God the Father's,
refore, its power to awaken and save has been felt by all na-
d has reached down through all the long centuries, that have
d His advent. All creeds and dogmas of the past, valuable
nay be, can only be rightly interpreted and appreciated as we
Christ, and are thoroughly imbued with His Spirit.
eports that come up to the Synod from the different Classes,
many indications of real Church prosperity. Christ has been
l as "the *Way*, and the *Truth*, and the *Life*." Men have
ght, that faith in Christ—cleansing by the blood of Christ—
wing by the Spirit of Christ, are the essential necessities of
, for which the Gospel makes ample provision. All ordi-
nd sacraments are but the means by which the living forces
t's infinite love and grace are brought into contact with the
l the soul, through the power of this love and grace, brought,
its complex susceptibilities and intellectual activities, into
harmony with the will and purpose of Him that must rule

hetical instruction has received increased attention. Through-
hurches there seems to be a growing determination on the
the pastors to make the children familiar with the precious
s embodied in the Heidelberg Catechism, and to impress upon
nds the delightful assurance, that, by the true recognition of
ptismal obligations, they can say, "our only comfort in life
eath consists in the fact, that with body and soul we belong
faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ."
abbath-school cause has perhaps received a larger measure of
during the past year, than in any previous year of our
history. On the part of many, there seems to be beginning to
tained a right apprehension of the true nature and design of
bath-school. It is not an organization separate from the
or independent of the Church, or antagonistical to the
but it is the Church itself, acting through some of its mem-
the spiritual culture of its own children, and of all others,
come within the sphere of its influence.
Sacrament of the Supper has been faithfully administered
out our bounds. In many churches the communion seasons
en more solemn than in previous years. The revelation of
grace through His broken body and shed blood, as symbo-
the bread and the wine, is well-fitted to fill the soul with the
solemnity—the warmest gratitude—and the profoundest hu-
To be without emotion when Christ crucified is set before
, is to be guilty of sin of the deepest dye.
t our church privileges are great, and many are being added
hurch, it is to be lamented, that our Christian benevolence,
has been somewhat increased, has not been displayed accord-
ur ability. Our members have not yet realized what the

The several religious services were observed, according to the appointment of the committee.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported a request from the Classis of Lancaster to open a column in the Statistical Tables for Adult Baptisms. The request was granted, and it was further,

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested to make this addition to the Statistical Tables, general.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a.) Report of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren:—The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, held three regular meetings during the current Synodical year. The first, November 24th, 1873, the second, May 13th, 1874, and the third, September 20th, 1874.

At the first meeting, the Board organized by re-electing Daniel W. Gross, *President*, David B. Mauger, *Vice President*, Edw. J. Zahm, *Rec. Secretary*, and John B. Roth, *Treasurer*.

At the meeting in May, Bro. Eshbach reported, that Miss Mary Morrison, deceased, of Paradise charge, East Susquehanna Classis, had left a legacy to the Church, and authorized her pastor (at that time, the Rev. Henry Mosser) to designate to what particular object it should be applied. He named the endowment fund of the Seminary, and as will be seen by the report of the Treasurer, $412.93 has been paid to him, and is now embraced in the endowment fund of the Seminary.

We regret the necessity of again calling the attention of Synod to the position of Philadelphia Classis, in regard to its obligations to the Seminary. Since our last report, we have received from the Secretary of that Classis, an official transcript from their minutes, which is herewith submitted, from which it will be seen, that our statement, made last year, that, "We believed it to be equivalent to a repudiation of the whole indebtedness, principal and interest," was and is substantially correct. On this matter the Board took the following action:

Resolved,—That the matter of the bond, held against the Philadelphia Classis, be referred to Synod, and we earnestly urge that body to take such action in the matter as in their judgment may compel this Classis to meet its obligations (to the Seminary) or else debar its members or representatives from the privileges of the floor of Synod.

We have not complied with the action of Synod, with regard to the erection of a Seminary building for the following general reasons, viz.:

(*For Statistical Reports, see Appendix.*)

The following religious services were observed during the sessions Synod:

1) The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious rvices.

2) Rev. Isaac K. Loos, Daniel F. Brendle, and Nathan Z. Snyder, nd Elders Jacob Schmidt and Joseph Laubach, were appointed a ommittee on Religious Services, who reported from time to time, heir several appointments. Their report, as finally adopted, is as ollows:

The Committee on Religious Services respectfully report the following appointments:

CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH, BETHLEHEM.

Friday Evening:—Meeting of the Historical Society, Address by Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs.

Saturday Afternoon:—German Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. William H. Groh.

Saturday Evening:—English Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. George H. Johnston.

Sunday Services.

Morning:—German Communion. Sermon by Rev. John F. Busche.

Afternoon:—Sunday-school Service. Addresses by Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bausman, Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Nevin, and Rev. William H. Groh.

Evening:—English Communion. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Porter of Lafayette College.

OTHER CHURCHES.

First Reformed Church, South Bethlehem:—Rev. Simon M. K. Huber, Evening, English.

Freemansburg:—Rev. Hiram King, Afternoon, English.

Hellertown:—Rev. William A. Haas, Rev. Lewis Kryder Evans.

Salem Lutheran Church:—Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach, English. Rev. William A. Haas, German.

Grace Lutheran Church:—Rev. David E. Klopp, Rev. Samuel G. Wagner.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, South Bethlehem:—Rev. William M. Landis, Rev. John O. Johnston.

Wesley Methodist Church:—Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Nevin.

Monday Evening:—Missionary Meeting. Addresses by Rev. Professor Theodore Appel, D. D., Rev. John Kretzing, Rev. Franklin K. Levan.

FARMERSVILLE CHARGE.

Altoona:—Morning, Communion, Rev. David Rothtrock, German.

Farmersville:—Afternoon, Rev. Calvin U. Heilman, English.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman.*

D. F. BRENDLE,

N. Z. SNYDER.

from their account the amount claimed by the Treasurer of the Tl logical Seminary.

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report whether obligation of Classis continues to be valid with regard to the Tl logical Tutorship Bond, and said committee report at the next ani meeting of Classis."

The committee called for in the above resolution consisted of R Dr. S. R Fisher, D. E. Klopp, and Elder W. D. Gross.

Said committee, according to instruction of Classis, reported the annual sessions of Classis, commencing May 15th, 1871. committee's report not being satisfactory to the majority of Cla the following resolution was passed as a substitute:

"*Resolved*, That the claims of the Theological Tutorship scheme referred to the friends of the Theological Seminary within our boun

This resolution was passed by the following vote: Yeas, 25. N 9. *Non liquet*, 3.

The above, I suppose, covers all the "past action of Classis" ferred to in its instructions to me.

Respectfully yours,
JNO. G. NOSS, *Stated Clerk.*

The following are the accompanying documents referred to in foregoing report:

JOHN R. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of t Reformed Church in the United States.*

1873.		DR.	
Oct. 30.		To cash col, by Rev. J. G. Neuber for Sem'y	$ 1
Nov. 7.		To divnd. Girard Bank to Oct. 1, 1873	2
"		" Frmrs. & Mechs. Bank, to Oct. 1, 1873	7
"		" Philadelphia Bank	6
Nov. 28.		To on acct. int. on Bond W. Susq. Classis	
Dec. 1		To int. on Cash deposit	10
"		" Diller Bond	24
1874.			
Jan. 2.		" from D. Eshbach on Plnfld Bond of Paradise Cong., Northd. Co	1
"		" Bond of Geo. Carbaugh to Oct. 1, 1873	6
" 5.		" Pl'nfl'd Bond, T. C. Porter in full	2
" 6.		To div. on Reading Bank Stock to Jan. 1. 1874	3
" 19.		" Lebanon Bank " " "	15
" 21		" Chambersburg Bank " "	15
" 31		To int. on Kieffer Legacy to Oct. 1, 1874	26
"		" Cook " " "	5
Feb. 4.		" B. C. Wolf's Bond in full	1
"		" Pl'nfl'd Bond of Theo. Appel to Jan. 1, 1874	7
" 28.		" Bond of G. S. Griffith to Jan. 1, 1874	3
March 25.		" Bond of Mercersburg Classis to July 1, 1873	3
" 27		" " Lebanon Classsis to June 30, 1873	3
" 28		" " E. Susq. Classis to Jan. 1, 1874	3
" 30		" Horst j'dgm't from A. B. Wingerd, to Apl. 1, '74	1
" 30		" A. B. Wingerd's notes to April 1, 1874	2
" 31		" Bond of S. A. Umsted	
April 22		" Kieffer Legacy, $285.00, to April 1, 1874 and Cook Legacy, $39.20, to April 1, 1874	3
		Carried forward,	$2,2

		Amt. brought forward,.....	$2,255 69
.	To cash ac. of Bond of Geo. Carbaugh.....		170 00
.	"	Bond of Geo. Besore to Oct. 1, 1873.....	60 00
8.	"	Geo. Carbaugh's Bond to April 1, 1874.....	60 00
15.	"	Bond Mercersburg Classis to July 1, 1874.....	60 00
	"	acct. of Plainfield Bond of W. K. Zieber.....	10 00
25.	"	Bond of Maryland Classis, to July 1, 1874.....	15 13
30.	"	Geo. Besore's Bond, to Oct. 1, 1874.....	30 00
1.	"	Wm. J. Baer's Bond, to July 10, 1874.....	400 00
23.	"	in full on Plainfield Bond of D. Garis, dec'd.....	126 00
	"	on Plainfield Bond. J. P. Hetrick.....	24 00
st 5.	"	Bond of Lebanon Classis, to June 30, 1874.....	30 00
8.	"	Schroyer Bond.....	70 00
19.	"	Note of W. L. Harbaugh.....	18 00
20.	"	Bond of Zion's Classis, to May 1, 1874.....	60 00
28.	"	Bond of W. E. Schmertz, to Jan. 1, 1874.....	30 00
29.	"	Plainfield Bond of George Cook, in full.....	6 00
	"	from D. B. Mauger, Treas. Gosh. Classis.....	60 00
1	"	on Bond W. Susq. Classis.....	5 93
7.	"	E. J. Zahm's Bond, to Oct. 1, 1874.....	195 85
.	"	from A. B. Wingerd, to Oct. 1, 1874, in full.....	203 94
.	"	from do on Horst claim, to Oct. 1, 1874.....	116 00
.	"	on Umsted Bond, to Oct. 1, 1874.....	15 00
.	"	on Kieffer & Cook Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1874.....	312 25
.	"	on Bond of East Penna. Classis, to Oct. 1, 1874..	52 50
.	To amt. bal. due J. B. Roth, to date.....		181 53
			$ 4,477 82

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5.	By Balance due Treas., per acct. rendered.....		$ 65 59
7.	By int. paid Board of Education on Klopp's Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1873.....		40 00
1.	By amt. paid E. Bookmyer's bill.....		5 00
6.	"	B B. Martin's bill.....	78 03
2.	"	C. A. Heinitch's bill.....	1 15
5.	"	J. C. Rooney, "Janitor.".....	25 00
8.	"	F. Biene's bill.....	13 50
8.	"	Bateman & McCullom's bill.....	12 75
9.	"	T. G. Apple, D. D., on acct. of salary.....	100 00
.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., " ".....	100 00
5.	"	F. A. Gast, on account of salary.....	100 00
6.	"	D. Oaks, Fire Insurance.....	44 00
.	"	T. G. Apple, D.D., on acct. of salary.....	150 00
.	"	F. A. Gast, salary to Jan. 1, 1874.....	100 00
	"	T. G. Apple, D.D., " "	125 00
	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, '74	275 00
3.	"	T. G. Apple, D.D., on account.....	200 00
	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., "	200 00
	"	F. A. Gast, on account.....	125 00
8.	"	J. C. Rooney, Janitor.....	25 00
0.	"	T. G. Apple, D.D., salary to April 1, '74.	175 00
	"	E. V. Gerhart, " " "	175 00
	"	F. A. Gast, salary to April 1, 1874.....	75 00
1.	"	Flinn & Breneman's bill.....	75
1.	"	Geo. H. Steinman's bill.....	20
7.	"	Flinn & Breneman's bill.....	22 42
	"	Swartzwelder & Morrow's bill.....	4 57
	"	John Dean's bill.....	4 50
9.	"	Samuel Burns' bill.....	10 60
3.	"	Inquirer Printing Co. bill.....	22 83
4.	"	Pearsol & Geist's bill.....	2 25
		Carried forward,.....	$2278.14

1874.	Amt, brought forward,.....		$2,278 14
April, 27.	By amt. paid,	T. G. Apple, D.D., on account of salary...	200 00
"	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., " " "	200 00
"	"	F. A. Gast, " " "	100 00
May 8.	"	Mt. Hope bill, trees, &c.....	33 15
May 18.	"	T. G. Apple, D.D., salary to July 1, '74...	175 00
" 30.	"	J. C. Rooney, Janitor, to June 1, 1874....	25 00
" 30.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D, salary to July 1, '74.	175 00
" 30.	"	F. A. Gast, " " "	100 00
June 2.	"	L. B. Smith's bill.....	1 20
June 22.	"	J. P. Sampson's bill.....	1 00
"	"	D. Kitch, Sr., bill.....	75
"	"	John B. Roth, Stamps, &c.....	8 13
June 25.	"	"Lan. Intelligencer" bill.....	6 00
July 3.	"	David Miles' bill.....	1 60
July 29.	"	T. G. Apple, D.D., on account of salary..	250 00
August 7.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D.D., " " "	250 00
"	"	F. A. Gast, salary to Oct. 1, 1874.....	200 00
August 22.	"	E. V. Gerhart, bill sundries.....	2 85
Sep. 1.	"	J. C. Rooney, salary to Sep. 1, 1874.....	25 00
Sep. 19.	"	E. V. Gerhart, " Oct. "	125 00
"	"	T. G. Apple, " " ".....	125 00
Sep. 21.	"	McComsey & Co., coal bill.....	55 00
Sep. 24.	"	Int. on Klopp Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1874.....	40 00
Oct. 6.	"	Treas. salary, to Oct. 1, 1874.....	100 00
			$ 4,477 82

Balance due Treas., to Oct. 1874, is $181.53.

The undersigned Auditing Committee have carefully examined the within account, comparing it with the receipts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find it correct.

EDW. J. ZAHM,
WM. A. WILT, *Com.*

J. B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Building Fund.*

1873.	DR.		
Oct. 10.	To am't in hand, as per rep't to Board.....	$7,346 92	
"	Interest on same, to Oct., 1874.....	440 81	
"	To amt. received by paym't of Notes and subscribed from Oct., 1873, to Oct., 1874.	1,398 74	
	Total Building Fund,		$ 9,186 47

October 1, 1874.

J. B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.*

1873.	DR.		
Oct. 10.	To amt. in hand, as per report to Board.....	$ 734 00	
"	To Interest on same, to Oct., 1874.....	44 04	
"	To am't received by paym't of Notes and subscribed from Oct., 1873, to Oct., 1874.	493 55	
	Total P. P. F.		$ 1,271 59

October 1*st*, 1874.

Statement of Endowment Fund.

1873.			
Oct. 10.	To amount reported to Board.....	$ 54,915 15	
"	To Plainfield Bonds, col. to Oct., 1874...	800 00	
"	To Bequest, Miss Mary Morrison, dec'd.	412 93	
"	To Bank Stock sold and amount rec'd for same in excess of par value.....	7,021 88	
	Total,		$ 63,149 96

October 1*st*, 1874.

HN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Library Fund of Theological Seminary.*

DR.

.	To Balance in hand per acct. to date.....	$ 172 39	
.	To Cash received from F. A. Gast.....	12 68	
0.	To int. on deposits to date.....	3 00	
30.	" from A. C. Wingerd, to date.....	27 37	
15.	" John Miley, to April 1, 1874...	30 00	
17.	" E. J. Zahm, to October 1, 1874	20 04	
21.	" P. Fisher, to April 1, 1874.....	30 00	
		$ 295 48	

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16.	By amount paid bill Stechert & Wolf.....		$ 6 87
12.	" Ref. Pub. Board.....		16 18
18.	" Elias Barr & Co.....		29 00
7.	" Ref. Pub. Board.....		2 03
h 13.	" Elias Barr & Co.....		14 80
14.	" T. W. Rice.....		2 25
23.	" J. M. Westhaeffer.....		4 90
8.	" F. W. Christern.....		12 54
23.	" Wackernagle & Bendell...		32 99
6.	" Ref. Pub. Board.....		1 50
st 1.	" Jas. F. Downey.....		12 40
29.	" Balance in hand.....		160 02
			$ 295 48
1.	To balance due to date.....	$ 160 02	

Smaltz Fund account, J. B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

DR.

.	To balance on hand per Report.....	$ 55 00
5.	To int. received from A. W. Russel.....	100 00
14.	" " " "	20 00
2.	" " Musselman.....	30 00
3.	" " A. W. Russel, to Ap. 1, '74	160 00
3.	" " On Loan.....	6 67
1.	" " On do.....	17 72
		$389 39

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1.	By amount paid per order A. H. Kremer, P. B. Visitors.	$50 00
6.	" " " " "	11 00
25.	" " " " "	65 00
8.	" " " " "	90 00
19.	" " " " "	9 00
29.	" Balance in hand.....	164 39
		$389 39

. To balance due to date..... $164 39

undersigned Auditing Committee appointed to examine the above accounts, g carefully looked over the Treasurer's vouchers find the reports correct.

EDWARD J. ZAHM,
WM. A. WILT, } *Committee.*

the Head of the Church, who has promised to be with His always unto the end of the world.

The following persons, thirteen in number, were admitte privileges of the Seminary as members of the *Junior Class* H. Diefenderfer, Jos. E. Freeman, Nevin H. Fisher, G. Dic ley, Thomas A. Huber, J. W. Knappenberger, Alpha K. I W. Roth, D. Besore Shuey, George M. Zacharias, John J. C P. Hartzell, and Thos. N. Reber. Most of these are grac Franklin and Marshall College. The three last named mitted to a "special course of study arranged by the Facu the approval of the Board, for such persons as wish to preps selves for the ministry, but who have not the literary qual heretofore required for admission into the Seminary."

The *Senior Class*, consisting of H. D. Darbaker, John F. James W. G. Dengler, Josiah D. Detrick, John Dotterer, I Le Fevre, Jon. H. Pannebecker, William C. Shaeffer, and So Shafer, nine in all, having completed the prescribed course were, at their own request, dismissed and received the usual c of Dismission and Recommendation for Licensure. They received calls and are now engaged in the active duties of tl try in various parts of the Church. The whole number of in attendance during the year was thirty-four, which is large any previous time.

As usual, some of the students were under the necessity o the Seminary before the close of the year, on account o funds. Notwithstanding the efforts of the Board to preven regularities, experience goes to show, that they will contir more system and promptness are introduced into the Churcl ing money to support our beneficiary students. The examir the end of the year were listened to with much attention entirely satisfactory to the Board. They were thorough, and credit upon both professors and students. The Seminary

twice the number now in attendance, without any increase of labor or expense to the Church, and there is no sufficient reason why it should not be so. In no other way can we so effectually build up the kingdom of Christ, as by increasing the number of laborers within our bounds. It is something both possible and practicable, and its urgency and great importance ought to be brought home to the heart and conscience of the Church. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He may send forth laborers into His harvest.

But, while peace and prosperity reign within the walls of the Seminary, opposition from without continues, which would seriously impede its progress, were it not measurably defeated by the merciful care of our divine Lord and Master. This subject has engaged attention from time to time, and the Board avails itself of this opportunity to reassert its judgment, as contained in last year's report, that, in view of the slanderous charges against the teachings of the Seminary, it regards said teachings as Protestant, Evangelical, and Reformed. The Board is further of the opinion, that the attention of the three Synods represented in this Board should be directed to the fact, that certain persons in their connection continue to misrepresent the teachings of the Seminary and of a large portion of the ministry in the Church.

As will be announced by the proper committee, the Rev. Frederic Augustus Gast was duly installed as Professor of the Hebrew language and of Old Testament Theology, at the close of the Seminary year.

The new Board was organized at the last meeting of Synod by the election of Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer as President; Dr. S. R. Fisher as Treasurer; and the undersigned as Secretary.

As a Board of Education we report, that there have been fifteen beneficiaries under our care during the year. Of these, four have finished their studies and are now in the ministry. The amount contributed for their support was $1711.44. Last year it was $3748.05. Disbursed, $1797.80. Balance, $339.36 in the Treasury.

The smallness of the number of beneficiaries under the care of the Board, and the limited amount of monies acknowledged as received, results from the fact, that the Classes, with a few exceptions, have of late years taken the management of their beneficiary education operations into their own hands, and fail to recognize or report any longer to the Parent Board.

For further information in regard to the finances of the Board, we refer the Synod to the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Education of the Reformed Church in the United Sta account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

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By cash received from the Classis of Lebanon,		$40
" " "	Zion,	3
" " "	Philadelphia,	2
" " "	Maryland,	1
" " "	Mercersburg,	1
" " "	Lancaster,	
" " "	East Susquehanna,	1
" " "	West Susquehanna,	44
" " "	German Philadelphia,	24
" " "	Goshenhoppen,	25
" " "	Tohickon,	13
" " "	Iowa,	1
" "	T. P. Bucher,	2
" "	Several Friends,	1
" "	Premium on Bond sold,	12
" "	Interest on Klopp Legacy (2 yrs.)	8
" "	Dividends Harrisburg Bank,	4
" "	Interest Publication Board,	12
		$203

DR.

To Balance due Treasurer,	$85 86	
To Cash paid Beneficiaries of Classis of		
Lebanon,	332 79	
Zion,	35 00	
Maryland,	13 00	
Mercersburg,	10 00	
West Susquehanna,	484 70	
German Philadelphia,	256 60	
Goshenhoppen,	300 00	
Tohickon,	54 50	
Iowa,	15 35	
General,	50 00	
Interest on note,	60 00	
Balance in Treasury,	339 36	$203

Permanent Assets.

Same as previously reported	$2,73

Indebtedness.

Loan,	$1,00

We certify that we have examined the above account per vou and find it correct.

A. H. KREMER,
THEODORE APP

Dec. 22, 1874.

The letter of acceptance by Professor Frederick A. Gast, addressed to the President of Synod, in which he makes some suggestions in regard to salary, reported by the Committee on Overtures, was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary, have examined the reports and papers which were placed in their hands, and would respectfully present the following report:

I. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

From this report we learn, that the Board held three meetings during the year. At the first meeting, held Nov. 24, 1873, the Board was organized by electing the following officers: D. W. Gross, President, D. B. Mauger, Vice President, E. J. Zahm, Recording Secretary, and J. B. Roth, Treasurer. The Board reports the receipt of $412.93, which was bequeathed to the Theological Seminary by Miss Mary Morrison, deceased, of the Paradise charge, East Susquehanna Classis. The amount has been paid over and is now embraced in the Endowment Fund of the Theological Seminary.

The Board regrets the necessity of calling the attention of Synod to the attitude of Philadelphia Classis in regard to its obligations to the Theological Seminary. From an official transcript from the Minutes of Philadelphia Classis, and which the Board submits with their report—the position of said Classis is equivalent to that of a "repudiation of its whole indebtedness—principal and interest." The Board earnestly urges this body to take such action as may move said Philadelphia Classis to meet its obligations to the Seminary.

The Board has not seen fit to comply with the action of Synod in reference to the erection of a Seminary building, for the following reasons assigned:

1. The funds in hand would not be sufficient to erect *such* a building as is needed, for in a few years a part of a building would not be sufficient for the wants of the Seminary. A large building can be erected at once at a less cost than to erect one part at one time and another part afterwards.

2. The *notes* in hand cannot be used to pay workmen or buy material; and while the Board believes that nearly all the notes will be paid, they cannot use these now, in any way, for the purpose of building.

3. The cash in hand is bearing interest and thus adding to the principal, whereas, if the money were invested in an unfinished building it would be entirely unproductive.

From the report of the Treasurer of the Board, we learn, that the financial condition of the Seminary is encouraging and steadily improving. The total amount of cash in hand as a building fund, is

[illegible] Total amount for the Pittsburgh Professorship Fund in [illegible] Total Endowment Fund invested, $63,149 96.

In regard to these statements and requests, your Committee would [illegible] the following resolutions for adoption:

[illegible] That the Synod recognizes with profound gratitude [illegible] to the great Head of the Church, the bequest (of [illegible] to the Theological Seminary.

[illegible] That Synod urge all the Classes to direct the attention of pas[illegible] to our institutions of learning, and that the Board of [illegible] be requested to place, in a conspicuous place in the "Re[illegible] Church Messenger," a blank form for bequests, as a standing [illegible] to the whole Church, and a guide to such as desire to make [illegible] to our institutions or benevolent objects in our Reformed Church.

[illegible] That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be [illegible] instructed to use all proper methods to collect both principal and interest of outstanding notes and bonds—in order that they may be able to proceed with the erection of a Seminary building at as early a day as possible.

[illegible] That Synod again urgently requests all Classes and individuals who have given Theological Tutorship Bonds—to pay—either the principal of these Bonds in full, or promptly to pay the interest [illegible] due.

[illegible] That it is with regret, that Synod learns, that Philadelphia Classis virtually repudiates its whole indebtedness, principal and interest, on the Tutorship Bond held against said Classis; and it is the sense of this Synod, that said Classis is morally bound to pay over said money, and hereby renews the request to said Classis, to pay, within one year, if not the principal, at least the interest due on said bond.

II. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

From this report we learn, that the operations of the Seminary have been carried forward successfully, and with manifest blessings vouchsafed by our Divine Lord and Master. The number of students in attendance at the Seminary during the year, was thirty-four, more than at any time previous in its history. Thirteen students were admitted as members of the Junior Class, three of whom were admitted to a separate course of study arranged by the Faculty, with the approval of the Board, for such persons as wish to prepare themselves for the ministry, but who have not the literary qualifications heretofore required for admission into the Seminary." The Senior Class—numbering nine members—having completed the prescribed course of study—after a creditable examination—were furnished with certificates of graduation, and three are now all engaged in the active duties of the ministry. As usual, some were obliged to leave the Seminary before the close of the year, notwithstanding the efforts of the Board to prevent such irregularities, on account of limited funds. This can

be remedied only by more system and promptness on the part of the Church in supporting the Beneficiaries. The examinations were creditable to the students and Professors and satisfactory to the Board. The future is quite encouraging. Yet the number of students is not as large as it should be. The annual additions barely compensate for the loss by death and disability.

The arrangements of the Seminary are such as can accommodate twice the number now in attendance, without any increase of labor or expense to the Church. Here, then, the way is open for increasing the number of laborers within the bounds of our Church. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth laborers into His harvest. Yet, notwithstanding peace and prosperity reign within the walls of the Seminary—opposition from without continues—which would seriously impede its progress, were it not measurably defeated by the merciful care of the great Head of the Church.

The Board, however, reiterates its judgment contained in last year's report, that despite all the slanderous charges against the teachings of the Seminary—it regards said teachings as Protestant, Evangelical, and Reformed. The Board recommends, that the attention of the three Synods represented in this Board, should be directed to the fact, that certain persons in their connection continue to misrepresent the teachings of the Seminary, and of a large portion of the ministry of the Church.

Rev. Frederick Augustus Gast, A. M., who was elected at the last annual meeting of this Synod, as Professor of the "Hebrew Language and of Old Testament Theology," accepted the call and was duly installed.

The Board of Visitors was organized at the last annual meeting of Synod, by the election of the Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer, *President;* Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher as *Treasurer;* and Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel as *Secretary*. There were fifteen Beneficiary Students under the care of the Board during the past year, of which number, *four* have finished their course of studies, and are in the active ministry. The amount contributed for their support was $1,711.44. Last year it was $3,748.05. The amount distributed was $1,797.80. From the Treasurer's report, we learn, that the total amount of receipts was $2,037.16. Total amount disbursed, $1,697.80. Balance in the Treasury, $339.36. From the above suggestions and requests, your Committee would suggest the following action:

Resolved, 1. That as there is a larger number of students in the Theological Seminary than ever before, it is a matter of gratitude and great encouragement to this Synod, that, under the Providence of God, the Theological Seminary continues to flourish.

2. That this Synod expresses her unshaken confidence in the several professors, and in the instructions imparted, as being thoroughly "Scriptural, Evangelical, and Reformed."

3. That all the Classes be earnestly requested to renew their efforts

in increasing the number of students and multiplying their cont tions towards the cause of Beneficiary Education, by urging pastors to bring this important matter to the serious attention prayerful regard of their people.

Respectfully submitted.

L. K. EVANS,
T. CAL. LEINBACH,
J. O. JOHNSTON,
THOMAS F. BUTZ,
D. SMALL,
} *Committe*

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOG SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.

Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, J Cushwa, Edward J. Zahm, Charles Santee, John Heilman, Owe Schreiber, William A. Wilt, John B. Roth, George W. Hensel, liam H. Seibert, David B. Mauger, William J. Baer, Thom Craig, and William E. Schmertz, of the former Board, were reta In the place of those, whose names are omitted, Frederick H. Sta of Boyertown, Pa., and Aaron G. Renninger, of Allentown, Pa., elected.

Board of Visitors.

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Amos H. Kremer, D. D., I Y. Heisler, Charles H. Leinbach, Samuel G. Wagner, Charl McCauley, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., William K. Zieber, I John M. Titzel and John Beck, D. D., of the former Board retained. In the place of the one whose name is omitted, George B. Russell, D. D., was elected.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGIC SEMINARY.

The following report was received from the committee cont by the Synod of Bloomsburg, to report on the propriety of hold semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Theological nary and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the matter of the celeb of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Theological nary by this Synod, now located at Lancaster, Pa., present the f ing report:

Measures looking to the establishment of a Theological Se were taken by this Synod, then the only Synod of the Germa formed Church in the United States, as early as the year 181 these measures did not issue in positive action whereby the i tion was constituted until 1824, when the Synod held its sessi the town of Bedford, Pa. At this meeting a proposition to loc projected Institution at Carlisle which included some adva

offered by the Trustees of Dickinson College, was agreed upon, and formal directions were given to a committee appointed for the purpose, to open the institution during the ensuing year. These instructions were carried into effect. The Theological Seminary was opened in Carlisle on the *eleventh* day of March, 1825, with five students, the Rev. Lewis Mayer, of York, Pa, being the Professor. Of this first class of students, there is still one survivor among us, the Rev. John G. Fritchey, who, in the 73d year of his age, is still engaged in preaching the Gospel. At the present time, accordingly, this Synod is holding its fiftieth session after the memorable action at Bedford; and the 11th of March, 1875, will be the fiftieth anniversary of the opening and organization of the Institution, an event which forms a decisive epoch in the history of the Reformed Church in America.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Synod at Martinsburg, W. Va. (in response to a recommendation coming from a Convention of ministers and elders held in Chambersburg, in June, 1870, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Zion's Classis), we recommend, that the Reformed Church, and particularly that portion of the Church organized under this venerable Synod, celebrate with suitable ceremonies the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding and organization of the Theological Seminary during the ensuing year, 1875; and that the programme of the celebration embrace, among other things, the following particulars:

1. That the Synod hold its next annual sessions in the city of Lancaster, in the First Reformed Church, which is the oldest among the Reformed organizations in that city, and one of the oldest in the entire Reformed communion; and that one day be devoted especially to the observance of the anniversary, the services of that day to be held in the chapel of St. Stephen's church, when two addresses shall be delivered, one on the external history of the institution, and another on the development and progress of the theology that characterizes the life of the Seminary.

2. That this Synod instruct the authorities of the Seminary, at as early a day as possible, to publish a general Register of the Institution, this Register to contain:

(1.) A complete roll of the members of the Faculty, the members of the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees;

(2.) A catalogue of all the graduates;

(3.) A catalogue of the Professors and students now composing the Institution;

(4.) An outline of its history, and a brief representation of its present theological status;

(5.) A register of all the graduates living and deceased, in alphabetical order, giving date of ordination, pastoral charges served, present location, or the date of death, and any other facts belonging to a full statistical summary.

3. That this Synod recommend to all the pastors to preach a sermon to their people on the origin and history, the necessity and im-

portance, or the efficiency and benefits of the Seminary, on either one or all these topics as the judgment of every pastor may dictate; and that the discourse be preached on the *seventh*, or *fourteenth* day of March, these being the two Sundays nearest to the 11th of March, 1875.

4. That the pastors be instructed to submit to the consideration of their Consistories respectively, whether they will direct a special collection to be taken for the benefit of the Institution; if the decision be in the affirmative, then the Consistory shall arrange when and how the collection is to be taken, the collection to be regarded as a free will offering of gratitude to God for the blessings which He has bestowed on the Reformed Church, through the medium of her educational institutions: and the proceeds of such collection to be devoted either to the Permanent, or Building Fund, as individual donors may designate, or as, regarding all undesignated funds, the Consistories may determine.

5. That a circular be addressed to all the pastors and consistories, communicating a copy of this programme and any other action, which Synod may take on the general subject.

6. That an Executive Committee of five be appointed, charged with the duty of superintending the semi-centennial celebration, according to the instructions of this body.

In the opinion of your committee, it should be the chief design of the celebration to revive the memories of the past, to promote a better knowledge throughout the Church of the interior history and progress of the Theological Seminary, and awaken a deeper sense of the importance of the educational institutions of the Church to her growth and prosperity. The funds that may be contributed, should come as a free-willing offering from ministers and people, prompted by thankfulness for the blessings which God has bestowed upon them through the instrumentality of this school of divinity.

Respectfully submitted.

E. V. GERHART,
T. G. APPLE,
F. A. GAST,
} *Committee.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to transmit forthwith a copy of this report to the Synod of the Potomac, with a cordial invitation to unite with this Synod in the contemplated celebration, according to the proposed plan submitted in the report of the committee.

Resolved, That a copy of the report be transmitted to the Synod of Pittsburgh, and that said Synod be cordially invited to unite with this Synod, in the proposed celebration, according to the plan submitted in the report of the committee, and that, inasmuch as the Synod has already adjourned, the President of said Synod be kindly requested to bring this matter to the attention of the members of Synod, through the several Classes, Consistories, and congregations.

The appointment of persons to deliver the addresses provided for in the report of the committee, was referred to the Committee on Nominations. This Committee proposed the names of persons, from whom to elect speakers for the contemplated occasion, in connection with the regular Nominations. The election was held at the time appointed by Synod, when the following persons were elected:

External History of the Seminary: Rev. Clement Z. Weiser.

Internal History of the Seminary: Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple.

The President appointed the Rev. Dr. Amos H. Kremer, John S. Stahr, and L. Kryder Evans, and Elder Jacob S. Roath, and George G. Heilman, as the Executive Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the general management of the proposed celebration.

The committee appointed by the last Synod to inaugurate the Rev. Frederick A. Gast, as Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to inaugurate the Rev. Frederick A. Gast, as Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology in the Theological Seminary, respectfully report:

That, on being notified by the President of Synod, of the acceptance of the Professorship by the Rev. Frederick A. Gast, they proceeded to attend to the duty assigned them. Professor Gast was accordingly inaugurated in his office on the 11th of May last, at the close of the session in the Seminary, attended with the usual services on such occasions, in which the several members of the committee participated.

Respectfully submitted.

SAML. R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary, who had been appointed by the last Synod, a committee to procure the manuscripts of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, for preservation in the Theological Library, reported progress, and were continued.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Rev. Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN—I herewith transmit to you the reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. Your Board, composed of the members elected by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, Synod of Pittsburgh, and the Synod of the Potomac, have had, during the first year of their operations in this united form, a large field demanding their attention, with small resources, and no

little trouble to put things in running order. We hope to secu your approval for the year that has just closed, and your hearty c operation during the coming year,—when we hope to make a st more favorable report.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER, *Pres. of the B. Missions.*

To the Reverends—
The Synod of the Reformed Church, U. S.,
To the Synod of Pittsburgh, and
The Synod of The Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN—It is now one year since your Board of Mi sions was established in its present new form, though organized an active, from no fault of its members, for only ten months. Durin this period three regular meetings of the Board itself, and many mor of the Executive Council, have been held. At the very outstart w were confronted with a number of formidable difficulties. To over come them, and further the work generally, we adopted the best pos sible methods we could think of. We cared for and directed th missions to the extent of our ability; and we shall submit to your attn tion a number of suggestions, suitable action on which by your reverend bodies, will greatly aid the success of the cause of Missions among us.

Of the difficulties we mention the following:

1. The separatistic way, become customary, of acting with respect to this matter on the part of the Synods, Classes, even congregation and individuals. Taking the territory covered by these Synods as a whole, we lacked system. Our strength was broken up into fragments unable to accomplish ends demanding strong, united force. Whatever its justification in the past, this state of things had become a great evil, leading the Synods to establish the present Board with the view to a remedy, by awakening and organizing throughout our bounds united action. But its establishment and activity, of course, could not at once completely overcome existing arrangements and old habits With our best efforts, this still remains, in a measure, a great hindrance. A few Classes, and a number of congregations and pas tors continue to act as before, though the great majority have gra dually, during the year, fallen in with the intent of the action of the Synods. We have the dawn of a better day, thus, for the blesse cause of Missions in the Reformed Church, but by no means the fu ness of that for which we are to look.

2. Our arrangements for gathering missionary contributions hav been for years past, and still are, very defective in many parts of th Church. There are congregations, and probably whole charges, i which missionary collections are not customary. And to a ver limited extent were, until now, the energies of our Sunday-Schoo enlisted in this good work.

3. To this comes the fact, much to be deplored, that we as a Chur have never yet had the spirit of missions active among us as we shou

We have a mission with respect to missions, and we have not hitherto fully apprehended it. Our opportunities are great and enlarging; but our practical efforts to meet them come short. There exists in this respect a lethargy which has impeded all Boards, and obstructs ours.

4. Another hindrance has been the feeling among some brethren in the Church, that our elements can neither be brought to concerted action, nor kept continuously, amid the unavoidable difficulties, in the prosecution of far-reaching methods and ends. It is true, the spirit of constant change of plan and division of effort has had a long day among us; but if the Synods and Classes give the Board their firm support by resolve and by deed, it is believed that there will soon be no longer cause for the feeling mentioned.

5. The activity of your Board began just as the full effect of the financial panic began to be felt all over the country; and it became necessarily a principal sufferer from the common disaster.

6. Some of the Synods made no provision last autumn for carrying forward their missions during the winter and early spring. In these cases there was an official transfer of missions to the Board, but no official provision to sustain them. It was haphazard whether we should get the needful means or not.

7. Several of the Classes, in different Synods, were largely in debt on old claims. The creation of the new Board was their common occasion for settling up with the past. Their contributions for the current year were thus diverted, in some cases entirely, in others largely, from our treasury.

8. We found many of our Missions heavily loaded with debt. This fact prevented the rapid decrease of appropriations in such cases, and so tended to straiten the Treasury to the disadvantage of other missions.

To overcome these difficulties, and to carry forward the work in hand, the Board set itself to do the following among other things:

1. It sought to bring the different Classes, and through them their pastors and people, into harmonious co-operation with itself. It strove to get all to work, and to get all to work in one common channel.

2. The Classes were frankly informed of the amount of money needed to carry forward the Missions which they and the Synods had transferred. An equitable division of this amount was suggested, for the raising of which they were urged to make provision among their charges. The measure was so just as to meet with almost unanimous favor; and its faithful and punctual execution, and it alone, will make possible the prompt payment of the missionaries.

3. We have sought to enlist the sympathy and support of the Sunday-schools; and we shall press our effort until it is everywhere adopted in some suitable form.

4. Only promising new missions will be taken under the care of the Board. None other need apply. And all missions, unless for especially good reasons, will be subjected to an annual diminution of twenty-five per cent. of their appropriation.

5. The Board set itself, whenever needed and it could do it, to organize the financial arrangements of the missions themselves, w the view of enabling them the sooner to become self-supporting. a number of cases this has been done with good effect, and needs be done in others. And, what is of no small account, the Board l set its face against all attempts on the part of the missions to invol themselves in large church-debts. Far better worship in a m churchly chapel, than in never so fine a structure, oppressing t congregation with an unmanageable debt.

The following missions have been under the care of the Boar some during the whole year; others, during part of it. To avo consuming too much space, leading facts only are given. In the f lowing synopsis, the word "old," denotes the year just past, and t word "new," the year now begun.

SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH, U. S.

Catasauqua, Pa.—Rev. A. B. Koplin, pastor. English and Germ Appropriation; old, $700; new, not determined on.

Reading, Pa.—Christ Church, Rev. J. A. Fuendeling, pastor. G man. App. $800.

St. John's, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, pastor. English a German. App. $200.

South Bethlehem, Pa.—Rev. N. Z. Snyder, pastor. English a German. App. $400.

Doylestown, Pa.—Rev. L. C. Sheip, pastor. English and Germ Appropriation not determined on.

Philadelphia—St. Stephen's, Rev. A. Romich, pastor. Germ App. old, $300; new, $225.

St. John's, Rev. J. G. Noss, pastor. English. App., o $400; new not determined on.

St. Paul's, Rev. J. Roeck, pastor. German. App. $20 Now transferred to German, Philadelphia Classis.

Camden, Del.—Vacant. English. App. $300.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Second Church, Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor. En lish. App. $300.

Zwingli, Rev. M. Noll, pastor. German. App. $300.

Columbia, Pa.—Rev. C. Clever, pastor. English. App. $200.

[illegible], Pa.—Rev. J. Kretzing, pastor. English and German. Ap $350.

[illegible], Pa.—Emanuel's. Vacant. German. Appropriation n determined on.

[illegible], Pa.—Rev. J. H. Schlappig, pastor. English and Germ App. $75.

[illegible], Pa.—Rev. W. Donat, pastor. English and Germ App. $150.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Kittanning, Pa.—Rev. D. S. Diffenbacher, pastor. English. App. old, $400; new, $300.

Meadville, Pa.—Rev. D. D. Leberman, pastor. English and German. App. $150.

Cumberland, Md.—Rev. F. R. Schwedes, pastor. German. App., old, $500; new, $400.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—*St. Paul's*. Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus, pastor. German. App., old, $400; new, $300.

St. James'. Vacant. German. App., old, $300; new, $225.

Trinity, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, pastor. English. App., old, $500; new, $400.

Zion's, Rev. G. B. Russell, D.D., pastor. English. App., old, $400; new, $300.

Triadelphia, W. Va.—Supplied by Rev. Jno. C. Müller. German App., old, $200; new, not determined on.

Scotdale, Pa.—Rev. L. B. Leasure, pastor. English. App., old, $300; new, $200.

Zion's Valley, Pa.—Rev. H. W. Hoffmeier, pastor. English. App., old, $150; now discontinued as a mission, and supplied by neighboring pastors.

POTOMAC SYNOD.

Duncannon, Pa.—Rev. H. Wissler, pastor. English and German, App. $400.

Washington, D. C.—Rev. M. Treiber, pastor. German. App., old, $400; new, not determined on.

Baltimore, Md.—*Emanuel's*, Rev. J. C. Hauser, pastor. German. App., old, $300; new, not determined on.

Winchester, Va.—Rev. C. G. Fisher, pastor. English. App. $350.

San Francisco, Cal.—Rev. J. H. Krüger, pastor. German. App. $330.

Stockton, Cal.—Rev. J. Müllhaupt, pastor. German. App., old, $110; new, $80.

Napa, Cal.—Rev. F. Fox, pastor. English and German. App. $440.

Portland, Oregon.—Rev. J. Gantenbein, pastor. German. App. $600.

The following *new* missions, all very hopeful, have been taken under the care of the Board during the year.

Buffalo, N. Y.—*Salem*, Rev. C. Kuss, pastor. German. App. $300.

Titusville, Pa.—Rev. I. E. Graeff, pastor. English and German. App. $300. (Circumstances have made this a mission, and it is hoped but for a very short time.)

Pittsburgh, Pa.—*St. Luke's*, Rev. P. Schülke, pastor. German. App. $200.

Washington, D. C.—Vacant. English. Appropriation not determined on.

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[illegible] *cents*, as follows:

[illegible] the Board,	$7,608 00
[illegible] the Treasurer of [illegible]	556 02
[illegible] Classis,	816 33

The following [illegible] hereinbefore referred to, probably
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SYN[illegible]

Catasauqua, Pa.— [illegible] missionary services or festivals, at least [illegible] and oftener, where possible.
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Germ[illegible] 3,200 00
Doylestown, Pa. [illegible] 3,300 00
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Philadelphia [illegible] and slow. Punctual, quarterly
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St. J[illegible]
S[illegible] [illegible] the sacred cause of Missions, to
St. [illegible]
N[illegible] [illegible]mitted.

F. K. LEVAN,
Superintendent of Missions.

Camden, Pa. [illegible]
Harrisburg, [illegible]

Zi[illegible] [illegible]*urch in the United States:*
Columbia, Pa. [illegible] the Joint Board of Missions of
Lykens, Pa. [illegible] States. I beg leave, very respect-
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Hazleton, Pa. [illegible] [illegible]ember 13th, 1874 (both inclusive)
[illegible] [illegible] hundred and sixty-four dollars
Overton, Pa. [illegible]
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Liverpool, [illegible] [illegible]ed and ninety-five dollars and

The annexed Statement will exhibit, in detail, the sources of the Contributions of the different Synods and Classes.

WILLIAM H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Receipts from January 1st to October 13th, 1874.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

		Charges.	*S. Schools.*	*Total.*
Classis of Philadelphia,	from Charges,	$778 72		
"	" S. Schools,		$22 34	$801 06
" of Goshenhoppen,	" Charges,			592 68
" of E. Penna.,	" "	913 11		
"	" S. Schools,		132 00	1,045 11
" of Tohickon,	" Charges,	495 50		
"	" S. Schools,		6 63	502 13
" of Lebanon,	" Charges,			1,431 36
" of Lancaster,	" "	687 89		
"	" S. Schools,		51 64	739 53
" of West Susq.,	" Charges,	273 11		
"	" S. Schools,		10 00	283 11
" of East Susq.,	" Charges,			216 25
" of New York,	" "			50 00
Totals, from Synod of the U. States,		$3,148 33	$222 61	$5,661 23

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Classis of Zion,	From Charges,	$623 48		
"	" S. Schools,		$25 00	$648 48
" of Maryland,	" Charges,	180 60		
"	" S. Schools,		122 99	303 59
" of Mercersburg,	" Charges,	107 65		
"	" S. Schools,		19 33	126 98
" of Virginia,	" Charges,			107 50
Totals, from the Synod of the Potomac,		$911 73	$167 32	$1,186 55

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

From the Treasurer of Synod,				$578 50
Classis of Allegheny,	From Charges			7 00
" of Clarion,	" "	$484 67		
"	" S. Schools,		$12 15	496 82
" of St. Paul,	" Charges,			150 00
Totals, from the Synod of Pittsburgh,		$484 67	$12 15	$1,232 32
				$83 90
Totals, from all sources, . .		$7,761 92	$402,08	$8,164 00

RECAPITULATION BY SYNODS.

Synod of the United States,			$
	S. Schools,	$222 61	
" "	Potomac.		
	S. Schools,	167 32	
" "	Pittsburgh,		1
	S. Schools,	12 15	
		402 08	

Amount received from late Treasurer.....

Total amount received..... $8
" " paid out..... 8

Balance due Treasurer. .....

NOTE 1.—Of the total amount received ($8,164 00), Five hund fifty-six Dollars and two Cents ($556 02), was designated for in Iowa, and paid to the Treasurer of the English Iowa Classis

NOTE 2.—The Missionary Treasurer of the German Phila Classis, W. D Gross, Esq., reports amount received for Missio January, 1873, to September, 1874.....

Paid out by him.....

In conclusion, it is with regret, that I have to state, t amount contributed for Home Missions, has been insufficient the salaries of the missionaries in full. The large sum of $ still needed to pay the orders issued up to date.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treas*

HARRISBURG, Oct. 13, 1874.

I hereby certify that I have audited the account of Wm. H. Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Churc United States, and find it to be correct, showing a balance d of $131.73. W. H. H. SN

HARRISBURG, Oct. 13, 1874.

A communication, as reported by the Committee on Overtu received from the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund, i ence to the balance due him on account of said Fund, and ref the Committee on Missions.

A communication, as reported by the Committee on Overtu received from the Board of Missions, in relation to the attend the members of the Board on its meetings, and the prop making certain requirements of beneficiaries, in regard to lab missionary work, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing docume referred, submitted the following report, which was receiv taken up item by item:

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully report:

That three documents were placed into their hands, viz.: a communication from the President of Missions, accompanied by a report from the Missionary Superintendent, the report of the Treasurer of Missions, and a letter, with a financial statement from the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund. From the documents before your Committee, it is evident, that the great work of Home Missions claims the renewed zeal, the fervent prayers and liberality of our people. The field is opening out with the most cheering promise of a glorious harvest of precious souls, in the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom. The most serious, we might say, almost the only hindrance to the progress of this great work is the lack of funds, causing painful perplexity to the self-sacrificing missionaries now in the field. This appears from the fact, that $4,000 are needed to meet salaries now due to our missionaries. This deficiency is owing entirely to a want of missionary zeal and liberality on the part of many of our pastoral charges. This is evident from the meagre pittances coming from some of our largest and most wealthy congregations.

With a hearty sympathy for and practical co-operation with the suggestions of the Superintendent of Missions, we will not only cover present arrearages, but aid the Board in greatly enlarging its operations. At least $14,000 will be needed to meet the liabilities of the coming year. Of this amount, $7,500 is expected to be raised by this Synod. May we not hope that more than twice this much will be realized?

The Treasurer reports the receipt of $8,164 since the 1st of January last, with a balance of $131 73 due the Treasurer.

For the raising of this sum ($7,500), assigned to this Synod, your Committee suggest the following apportionment:

Classes.	
East Pennsylvania	$1,500
Lebanon	1,500
Philadelphia	500
Goshenhoppen	650
Tohickon	650
New York	200
Lancaster	850
East Susquehanna	1,000
West Susquehanna	650
	$7,500

Your Committee, from the communication of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund, find that there is due him $1,144, which he generously advanced in aid of this important church enterprise. For the refunding of this sum the following division is proposed:

Synod of the United States..... .....
" " Potomac.....
" " Ohio.....
" " North West..... .....
" " Pittsburgh..... ....

Your Committee suggest the following assessment for this Sy
Classes.
East Pennsylvania.....
Lebanon.....
Philadelphia .....
Goshenhoppen..... .....
Tohickon..... .....
New York.....
Lancaster.....
East Susquehanna... .....
West Susquehanna.....
German, Philadelphia..... .....

Your Committee commend to the attention of Synod, the foll recommendations of the Superintendent of Missions, and the of Missions.

1. The holding of missionary services or festivals, at least c year, in all our congregations, and oftener, where possible.

2. A general introduction of missionary services and collectio stated times, in our Sunday-Schools.

3. Punctual *quarterly* remittances of monies to the general surer, by the several treasurers.

Prompt and earnest attention to these recommendations b pastors and churches, will, we confidently believe, result in u cedented prosperity in the blessed work of missions, and the en ment of our beloved Zion.

The Committee also submits to the action of Synod, the contained in a separate communication from the Board, report the Committee on Overtures. They are as follows:

1. Action to secure the punctual attendance of the members Board upon its meetings.

2. A recommendation to the Classes to require of their ben ries to labor from three to five years as missionaries, unless esp exempted. Respectfully submitted.

A. H. KREMER,
W. G. ENGLE,
WM. M. LANDIS,
J. S. ROATH,
J. R. HILBISH,
Committee on Home Mission

In reference to the two items at the close of the report, brought to attention by the communication coming directly from the Board, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of the members of the Board appointed by this Synod, be called to the duty of attending punctually on its meetings.

Resolved, That this Synod does not deem it expedient to adopt and enforce the requirement suggested in reference to beneficiaries.

The remaining portions of the report were adopted.

The Committee on Nominations were instructed to report a double number of nominations, from whom to fill any vacancies occurring in the members to represent this Synod in the Board of Missions.

A communication, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, was received from the Rev. Benj. Bausman, D. D., in which he asks Synod to excuse him from serving as a member of the Board of Missions, and referred to this Committee. The Committee made their nominations, and the election was held at the proper time, with the following result: Rev. Charles F. McCauley, D.D., John Beck, D.D., William H. H. Snyder, Lawrence D. Leberman; and Elders, Daniel W. Gross and James T. Reber, of the former representatives, were retained; and in the place of the one whose name is omitted, the Rev. John W. Steinmetz was elected.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its gratitude to Almighty God for having put it into the heart of Mrs. Elizabeth Locke, of Easton, Pa., to make a bequest of $3,300 to the cause of Missions; a liberal fund forever sacred to her memory and piety.

A missionary meeting was held on the evening of the sixth day of the sessions. The services were carried forward according to the arrangement proposed by the Committee on Religious Services. A collection was taken up in aid of missions, amounting to $54 67.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their annual report, accompanied with the report of the Treasurer of Synod. It was received and referred to the Committee on Finance, except the nominations for filling the vacancies occurring in the Board, which were referred to the Committee on Nominations. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

The Board of Trustees of Synod beg leave to present the following report:

The following members constitute the Board :

Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, whose term will expire Jan. 1, 1
W. H. Seibert, " " " 1
John G. Nissly, " " " 1
Rev. Samuel Kuhn, " " " 1
Geo. W. Hensel, " " " 1

Inasmuch as the term of Rev. W. H. H. Snyder expire first day of Jan. 1875, we respectfully propose the names Chas. H. Leinbach, and G. W. Snyder.

The Board approved of the suggestion made by the Tre his report, viz. That the interest of the $1000 North Cent road bond be appropriated to the use of the Theological Sen Lancaster.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL KUHN, *Pre*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. W. Hensel, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of formed Church in the United States.

SEMINARY AND MISSION FUND ACCOUNT.

DR.

1874.		
Jan. 29.	To cash received from Henry Wirt, Esq., former Treasurer, on this account.....	
March 29.	" Six Months' Interest on Cook Legacy.....	
April 16.	" Of Jacob Heyser, Six Months' Interest on Kieffer Fund.....	
"	" Wm. Heyser, ditto.....	
Oct. 6	" Six Months' Interest on Cook Legacy.....	
Oct. 10.	" Jacob Heyser, Six Months' Interest on Kieffer Fund.....	
"	" Wm. Heyser, ditto.....	

CR.

1874.		
Jan. 30.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary. Interest on Cook and Kieffer Fund.....	$318 45
April 22.	" " " "	324 20
Oct. 13	" " " "	312 25

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

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1874.		
Jan. 29.	To cash received from Henry Wirt, Esq., former Treasurer, on this account.....	
April 22.	" Received for Six Months' Interest on Northern Central R. R. Bond.....	
May 30.	" West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. U. Henry Heilman.....	
"	" Lancaster Classis, per Rev. A. H. Kremer	
June 10.	" Tohickon Classis, per Elias Shellenberger	
June 22.	" Virginia Classis per Rev. H. St. John Rinker.....	
June 23.	" Maryland Classis, per Rev. S. S. Miller.....	
Aug. 4.	" Philadelphia Classis, per Jno. Wiest, Esq., on account.....	

Carried forward,

1874.	Amount brought forward,		$841 53
Aug. 28.	To cash from Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq		40 00
Sept. 10.	" East Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. Jno. Beck		202 40
Sept. 22.	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. A. S. Leinbach		81 00
Sept. 24.	" New York Classis, per J. F. Busche		15 00
Oct. 3.	" Philadelphia Classis, per John Weist, Esq., on account		46 08
Oct. 6.	" Six Months' Interest on Northern Central R. R. Bond		30 00
Oct. 8.	" East Susquehanna Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq		163 32
			$1419 33

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1874. Jan. 31.	By Cash paid S. R. Fisher, D.D., Salary as Stated Clerk, Traveling Expenses, Postage, Expediting Minutes of Synod, and translating Minutes into German	$143 00	
"	Thos. G. Appel, D.D., Expenses incurred as Member of Committee on Union of Synods on Theo Seminary and Missions	28 50	
"	Cash paid E. V. Gerhart, D.D., Expenses incurred as Chairman of Committee to Secure Manuscripts of the late Dr. Harbaugh	17 00	
April 13.	Cash paid Jas. B. Rodgers Co., Printing English and German Proceedings of Synod	565 11	
"	Cash paid S. R. Fisher, D.D., Expenses as Chairman Committee on Boundary between Philadelphia and Goshenhoppen Classes	5 00	
April 30.	Cash paid E. J. Zahm, Expenses incurred attending Synod at Frederick to secure union of Synods on Theological Seminary	4 00	
"	Cash paid A. H. Kremer, D.D., for same	5 20	
June 23.	" Express charges on Money Package from Maryland Classis	15	
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		$1,419.33	$1,419.33

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Philadelphia German Classis	30 00
Total	$130 00

The following arrearages, including interest to date, are still due and unpaid from Classes within the bounds of Potomac Synod, viz.:

Mercersburg Classis	$72 05
North Carolina Classis	27 15
	$99 20

I wrote to the Treasurer of Mercersburg and North Carolina Classes requestir payment. From the Treasurer of the former I received a letter, which I sen with this report for your consideration. From the latter I have not received an reply.

There has been no change in the investments of Synod during the past yea Among the investments of Synod is a One Thousand Dollar Bond of the Norther Central Rail Road, yielding an annual income of sixty dollars, which has her tofore been applied to Contingent Fund. I would respectfuly suggest to Syno whether this could not be applied to the use of the Theological Seminary at Lar caster, where it is very much needed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. HENSEL, *Treasurer.*

QUARRYVILLE, OCT. 13, 1874.

A communication from the Treasurer of the Classis of Mercers burg in reference to the unpaid balance due on assessment upon tha Classis, reported by the Committee on Overtures, was referred to th Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance, to whom the foregoing documents were referred, submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance would beg leave to offer the following report:

The only document referred to us was the report of the Treasurer of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

From this report, your Committee learn that the interest on Synod's legacies and investments was promptly paid to the Treasurer and disbursed by him; that the large majority of the Classes have paic their assessments to the Contingent Fund of Synod; that the follow ing Classes within the bounds of this Synod, are still in arrears, viz.

Philadelphia Classis	$100.00	
Philadelphia German Classis	30.00	$130.0(

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Mercersburg Classis	$72.05	
North Carolina Classis	27.15	
Total		$99.2

Amounting in the aggregate to $229.20; that of the Contingen Fund, there remains in the hands of the Treasurer a balance o $651.37; and that there has been no change made in the investmen of Synod during the past year.

The Treasurer further reports, that he communicated the action of tl Synod at its last meeting to the Treasurer of Mercersburg and Nor Carolina Classes, requesting payment of their arrearages, and tha from the Treasurer of the former he received a reply, in which he stat the reasons for his failure to forward the money due (which letter

Synod for her consideration), that from the latter there
o response.
Report, we further find a suggestion, as to the propriety of
) the use of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, the
erest of the One Thousand Dollar Bond of the Northern
R., which has heretofore been applied to the Contingent

ommittee estimate the expenses of the current year at
meet this, there is in the hands of the Treasurer $651.37.
delinquent Classes $229.20, making a total of $880.57,
be raised a balance of $119.43, which your Committee has
d as follows :

		New.	*Old.*	
sylvania Classis		$40.00		
	"	40.00		
ia	"	25.00	$100.00	
pen	"	15.00		
	"	15.00		
	"	25.00		
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	"	8.00		
hiladelphia	"	15.00	30.00	
s of the Classes within nds of the Synod of :				
rg Classis			72.05	
olina Classis			27.15	
		$233.00	$229.20	$462.20

ommittee would recommend for adoption the following:
d, That this Synod adopt the suggestion of its Treasurer,
ereafter, the annual interest of the One Thousand Dollar
the Northern Central R. R., be applied to the use of the
al Seminary at Lancaster.
d, That the Treasurer of this Synod be instructed to refer
ages of the Mercersburg and North Carolina Classes to the
the Potomac, for prompt collection ; and that it be enjoined
Philadelphia and the German Philadelphia Classes of this
pay their arrearages without further delay.
d, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1200 copies
utes of the present sessions published in the English lan-
d 500 copies in the German language, and distributed among
l Classes.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. WAGNER,
D. ROTHROCK,
C. CLEVER,
C. L. B. DECHANT,
} *Committee.*

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ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported as an irregulari the fact that the Lebanon Classis had failed to record the hour of t day at which its annual sessions are to commence. The judgment the Committee was affirmed.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported, that the pastor St. John's Church, Lancaster, Pa., had given notice of an appe from a decision of the Lancaster Classis, in reference to certain su pended members. It was

Resolved, That inasmuch as the appellant has withdrawn his appea it be considered as abandoned.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Classis Philadelphia asked to be excused from complying with the requests Synod in reference to Publication and Mission interests. It was

Resolved, That this Synod regrets, that the Classis of Philadelphi found itself in a position, which, in its judgment, rendered it nece sary to decline acceding to the requests of Synod.

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The following report was received from the committee appointed to adjust all matters relating to property and finances between the two Classes to be formed out of the territory embraced in the Goshenhoppen Classis, and adopted:

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Respectfully submitted.

C. Z. WEISER,
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Com. of Goshenhoppen Classis.
J. KEHM,
T. O. STEM,
Com. of Tohickon Classis.

Tohickon Reformed Church, Bucks Co., Pa.,
May 19th, 1874.

The following resolution was adopted:

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The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported a complaint of the Lancaster Classis against the German Philadelphia Classis, in that it ordained the licentiate, Moritz Noll, in view of a call from the German Zwingli congregation at Harrisburg, which congregation is under the jurisdiction of the former Classis. It was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. William C. Hendrickson, David Rothrock, and Elder Edward B. Shuey. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

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That the course pursued by the German Philadelphia Classis in ordaining the Rev. M. Noll, in view of his call from a charge under the jurisdiction of the Lancaster Classis, was irregular.

Respectfully submitted.

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Amount brought forward,		$841 53
Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mau-		40 00
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Classis, per Rev. A. S. Leinbach...		81 00
Classis, per J. F. Busche.....		15 00
Philadelphia Classis, per John Weist, Esq.,		46 08
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Susquehanna Classis, per Geo. Hill,		163 32
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	Cash paid S. R. Fisher, D.D., Salary as Stated Clerk, Traveling Expenses, Postage, Expediting Minutes of Synod, and translating Minutes into German.....	$143 00	
	Cash paid Thos. G. Appel, D.D., Expenses incurred as Member of Committee on Union of Synods on Theo Seminary and Missions	28 50	
	Cash paid E. V. Gerhart, D.D., Expenses incurred as Chairman of Committee to Secure Manuscripts of the late Dr. Harbaugh.....	17 00	
	Cash paid Jas. B. Rodgers Co., Printing English and German Proceedings of Synod.....	565 11	
	Cash paid S. R. Fisher, D.D., Expenses as Chairman Committee on Boundary between Philadelphia and Goshenhoppen Classes.....	5 00	
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} *Committee.*

The Synod, at its last annual session, left it to the Board, to act with regard to the further publication of the "Kirchenzeitung," according to its own best judgment. After some inquiry, it was found that the union with it of the "Reformirte Hausfreund" at this time was not practicable, and as it was not desirable to continue its publication by the Board at a serious loss, the Board concluded to accept a proposition from the brethren of the German Philadelphia Classis to undertake to publish and edit the "Kirchenzeitung" without expense to the Board, in case the list of subscribers should be transferred to them. They further pledged themselves to manage and conduct the affairs of the paper under the supervision of the Synod, and be amenable to it, until the contemplated German Synod shall be organized, and it shall become the organ of that Synod. They also agreed that, after the transfer, the paper shall sustain the same relation to Synod, which the "Hausfreund" sustains at the present time. The paper has accordingly been published since the first of January last by the brethren of the German Philadelphia Classis.

But little has been done during the past year in the way of publishing new books. One miscellaneous work, entitled "Seeking and Finding," a work of a most excellent Christian character, highly commended by the late Dr. Hoffman, Consistorial Rath, of Prussia, Germany, an excellent translation of which into English was kindly furnished by Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, has been published in the "Messenger" as a serial, and then stereotyped into book form, and will soon be finished and ready for the press. The compilation of Hymns, selected and arranged by the Committee of Synod appointed for this purpose, to be appended to the "Order of Worship," as authorized by the General Synod, has been for some time in the hands of the printer, and it was hoped an edition from the plates would be ready for distribution about the time the Synod should commence its present sessions. Unavoidable delays, incident to the exchange of proofs, however, have prevented this desirable result from being reached. Still the Board can promise the issue of an edition in the course of a few weeks. It is believed, that the work will give full satisfaction both as to contents and mechanical execution.

The Board, after, as it was thought, mature deliberation, concluded to issue the "Messenger" in a sixteen page form from the first of January last. It did this, with the certain expectation, that they would be able to present it to the subscribers pasted and cut, so as to make it convenient for handling. For reasons not necessary to detail here, these expectations were not realized, and the result has been a great disappointment, not only to the readers of the paper, but to those also, by whom it has been issued; and as there is no prospect of being able at present to remedy the difficulty, it is not felt desirable to have it continued in the present form.

The whole policy, moreover, to be adopted in regard to the publication of the "Messenger" in future, received a thorough and careful consideration from the Board. The result reached, is embodied in the following paper adopted by the Board:

nt nature to fill out its columns, was necessary to meet the
demand, thus actually giving the subscribers that, which costs
lisher too much for the amount of compensation received in
and WHEREAS, the present pressing necessities call for all
ble retrenchment; Therefore,

ved, That we, as a Board of Publication, respectfully sub-
he consideration of Synod, the propriety of changing the form
Messenger," with the year commencing on the first of January
that of a neat folio sheet, of such size that it can be afforded
ribers at the rate of two dollars per year strictly in advance,
nducted on the following principles:

The matter inserted in the paper shall be, as far as possible,
religious, and such as shall bear more especially upon the pe-
ants and interests of the Reformed Church.

All personal controversy shall be scrupulously avoided, and
ssion of doctrinal or other differences, shall be conducted in
of becoming courtesy and Christian forbearance, looking
the interests and prosperity of Christ's kingdom.

The financial interests of the paper shall be managed, as far as
, upon the cash in advance principle, the paper in no case to
nued to a subscriber, after he has become two full years in
"

of the great difficulties with which the Board has ever had to
, in carrying forward its operations, is the want of an adequate
This especially has been sorely felt during the present
y crisis, through which our country is at present passing.
bject received the earnest attention of the Board, and in refer-
it, the following paper was adopted:

EREAS, it is impossible to carry forward the publication
ses of the Church successfully, without an adequate capital
purpose, and the Synod, by its action in 1864, resolved to

days, the accounts be placed in the hands of a col
lection."

The time of Goldsboro S. Griffith as a Trustee of the
on the first of January next. The following persons
from whom to select one to fill the vacancy, namely,
Griffith, of Baltimore, Md, and J. Taylor Motter, of
Md.

The Secretary of the Board was instructed, in addition
annual statement submitted to this Synod, to prepare
to the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac, a report,
statement of the condition and wants of the Board, acco
an earnest appeal for their continued co-operation and su
this, under a full sense of the intimate relations they sustai
in its publication operations, and the responsibilities wh
rest upon these Synods and the Board in regard to t
the Board was originally established by the mother Syn
an integral part of it, and their interests, as well as th
and pledges then assumed, and given for the support
have not ceased to exist by the mere fact of their havin
set apart as separate District Synods, though by the ne
of circumstances, the direct control of the Board rema
Mother Synod. Regarding the rights and duties in re
Publication operations of the Church, as mutual, and
sensible, that the combined efforts and hearty co-ope
three Synods are indispensable to their successful pr
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he Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at hem, Pa.

ND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

ommittee to whom the publication of the "Hausfreund" ı entrusted, herewith submits its annual report in reference ndition and prospects of the paper.

ubscription-list of the "Hausfreund" contains at present sand and two hundred names. The non-paying subscribers ɜn stricken from the list, which has somewhat lessened the of subscribers. Up to this time, the paper continues under rol of its original editor, with whom, however, negotiations rogress, looking to its transfer to the four eastern Classes. rt, that, according to the statement of the editor, the "Haus- is free from debt, and has outstanding claims on its books, ıg to from $1000 to $1200. In the course of the year, the propriated out of its receipts, $125, to different congregations ing purposes.

e editor of the "Hausfreund" has made proposals to the four Classes to transfer to them the control of the paper, the chair- this committee asks that the committee be discharged, as further duty to perform in the name of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. HELFRICH, } *Committee.*
C. H. LEINBACH, }

ımunication was received from a committee appointed by the ıtern Classes to superintend the publication of the "Haus- which contains substantially the same statements found in rt of the committee of Synod. It was referred to the Com- ı Publication.

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ollowing report was received from the German Philadelphia to whom the publication of the "Kirchenzeitung" was trans- y the Board of Publication, and referred to the Committee on ion:

the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

ATHERS AND BRETHREN:

ɜerman Philadelphia Classis learned with great regret, that ɜst German paper of our Church, the "Reformirte Kirchen-," did not cover its expenses, and that the Publication Board, as some of the Classes, were endeavoring to guard the Church further loss. Inasmuch as we further learned, that the pub- f the "Reformirte Hausfreund," did not regard with favor, on of the "Kirchenzeitung" and the "Hausfreund," as pro-

posed in a resolution of Synod, and we looked upon the suspension of the "Kirchenzeitung" as a calamity to the Reformed Church as a whole, and to the German portion of it in particular, the German Philadelphia Classis proposed to the Board of Publication, that it would undertake the publication of the "Kirchenzeitung," and that the paper should stand in the same relations to Synod as the "Hausfreund," which proposition was accepted by the Publication Board.

Since January, 1874, the "Kirchenzeitung" has been issued by our Classis, and has since then assumed a somewhat different standpoint from that occupied by it previously. It seeks to bring more prominently to the consciousness of its readers the peculiar doctrines and customs of the Reformed Church. To this end especially have been directed a number of articles of the worthy editor, on the Organization of the Reformed Church. It sought particularly to make the "Kirchenzeitung," through the discussion of different topics, relating to Christian life and Christian benevolence, instrumental in awakening and promoting a Christian consciousness from a Reformed stand-point, and at the same time, the medium of instruction and edification to the plain as well as the learned reader. The "Kirchenzeitung" has, since its publication by the Classis, improved in every respect; still it is to be desired, that it should be more extensively circulated amongst our German congregations, and obtain from them a more ample support.

Rev. Dr. N. Gehr has thus far acted as editor of the "Kirchenzeitung." However, notwithstanding his services, as well as those of the editorial and business committees, have been rendered gratuitously, yet the condition of the finances of the "Kirchenzeitung" is such, that the receipts thus far have not been sufficient to cover the expenditures.

Respectfully submitted in the name of the editorial and business committees of the Classis.

JACOB DAHLMAN.

The Classis of Lebanon, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to instruct the Board of Publication to reform certain features in the business department. The request was referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen requested Synod to appoint a suitable co-editor of the "Reformed Church Messenger," with a view to lighten the burdens of the present editor. The request was referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication to whom the foregoing documents were referred, submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Publication respectfully presents its report for the consideration of the Synod:

It has received the following papers:

First. The annual report of the Board of Publication, from which earns, that the members of the Board have been punctual in their ndance upon its meetings, and earnest and thorough in the dis-rge of their duties.

Constituted as this Board is, of men of intelligence and business lifications, sincerely attached to the Reformed Church, and con-ous of the importance of a successful publication enterprise, their gment is entitled to the favorable consideration of this Synod. y declare, that the management is satisfactory, and that especially ng the past year—a year of unparalleled financial embarrassment all the business circles of the country, there has been required a t amount of careful forethought and consuming anxiety, which been a severe tax upon the Treasurer, who has so long and so ssfully conducted the finances of the establishment. With a ease of revenue, it is imperative upon the Synod to devise such sures as shall not only relieve the present needs of the Board, but d it a sufficient capital to carry on its future operations.

he periodicals issued by the Board show a decrease in circulation, the exception of one, the "Lammerhirte." The Board submits the consideration of Synod, the propriety of changing the form of "Messenger," from the present sixteen page form, to a neat folio t of such size, as to afford it to subscribers for $2.00 per year. also defines a policy in the mode of conducting the paper in the ure, in reference to matter, and finances. In accordance with the tructions of Synod the Board transferred the "Kirchenzeitung" to German Philadelphia Classis.

Secondly. A report from the committee to superintend the publi-ion of the "Reformirte Hausfreund," showing a subscription list f 2200, no debts, monies outstanding $1000, and $125 contributed y the editor for Church erection. As the Editor is about to trans-r the paper to four of the Eastern Classes for publication, the com-ittee asks to be discharged.

Also, a similar paper from a committee appointed by three of the Eastern Classes to superintend the publication of the "Hausfreund," ttributing the financial success of the paper to the large hearted dis-interestedness of Dr. Bausman, who gives his editorial labors without compensation.

Thirdly. A communication in reference to the "Kirchenzeitung," stating that it has been published by the German Philadelphia Classis. Rev. Dr. Gehr is the editor, and with him is associated an editorial committee. "It has labored to bring to the consciousness of its readers specifically Reformed doctrines and usages, and to awaken Christian life and benevolence, and impart instruction and edification." Though the circulation has increased, the receipts have not covered the expenses.

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Whereas, the Financial condition of the Board imperatively de mands, that measures should be promptly taken to afford relief, an whereas, this Synod has pledged itself to raise a fund for this purpose Therefore

Resolved, That the Synod enjoins upon all the Classes under it jurisdiction and control, to request their Pastors and Consistories, t take up a collection for Publication purposes in every congregatio during the Synodical year, and forward the same to the Treasurer o the Board.

Resolved, That we request all the members of our different congre gations, to patronize our Book Store, and, as far as possible, procur their books and periodicals through our Business Agent, thereb securing a larger trade, and increased revenue for the Board.

Resolved, That this Synod pledges itself to the Board of Publication to use all its influence to place them in such a position, financially, a shall enable them to make our publication interests, a power and a honor to the whole Church.

Whereas, the Periodicals of the Church, with but one exceptio have suffered a decrease in circulation, and all attempts to rally th Church for their proper maintenance seem to be unsuccessful; Ther fore

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized to mak such changes, in the Editorial management, form, and price of th same, as, in their judgment, will meet the exigences of the case, ar elicit the hearty co-operation of the whole Church, and thus secure wider circulation and more extended usefulness.

Resolved, That the action of the Board of Publication transferri the "Kirchenzeitung," to the German Philadelphia Classis, hereby approved and confirmed.

Resolved, That the "Kirchenzeitung" and the "Hausfreund" commended to all the German members of our Church, and that t German Pastors and Consistories be requested to extend their circ lation, to the extent of their ability.

Resolved, That the request of the committee to superintend t publication of the "Hausfreund" to be discharged, be granted.

Resolved, That the Synod requests the Synod of Pittsburg and t Synod of the Potomac to co-operate with it in the maintenance of o Publication interests.

Respectfully submitted.

T. S. JOHNSTON,
D. ROTHROCK,
F. BACHMANN,
G. BREIT,
JACOB B. ODENWELDER,
} *Committee.*

In connection with action of Synod on the first resolution in the report, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to issue a circular to pastors of the Church, presenting the pressing wants of the Board, and requesting them to take up a collection in their respective congregations for the immediate relief of the Board.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod deems it expedient to discontinue the publication of the "Guardian."

Subsequently the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, In the present condition of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church, it has been deemed expedient by this Synod to discontinue the publication of the "Guardian," so as to concentrate the funds in publishing the "Messenger," therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod holds in grateful remembrance the faithful and highly efficient labors of its former editors, Rev. Drs. H. Harbaugh and B. Bausman, for their literary labors in behalf of the young, extending through a period of nearly a quarter of a century.

Resolved, That this Synod holds in high esteem the special work, which the "Guardian," has accomplished in its mission; and that we respectfully suggest to the Board of Publication, that this special want be supplied by devoting to this interest, if possible, several columns of the "Reformed Church Messenger."

The committee appointed to prepare a collection of Hymns, to be appended to the "Order of Worship," submitted the following report:

Philadelphia, October 19th, 1874.

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee on selection of hymns respectfully report, that they have, after much labor, finished the work assigned them, and have placed the hymns in the hands of the Publication Board of the Synod, which Board will soon complete the publication thereof.

Appended is a statement of necessary expenses for traveling.

Respectfully submitted.

E. E. HIGBEE, *Chairman.*

(By authority of Committee).

Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., for traveling,	$15 00
Rev. Geo. L. Staley, D. D., for traveling,	27 50
Rev. E. E. Higbee, for traveling,	30 00
	$72 50

Four trips to Frederick; two trips to Lancaster; one trip to Philadelphia, by the Chairman.

A specimen copy of the work in proof sheets accompanied the port. The report was received and it, together with the copy of work, was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Benja Bausman, D. D., L. Kryder Evans, Samuel G. Wagner and El Hon. Joseph Laubach and Jacob S. Roath.

The following action of the Synod of the Potomac on the above lection of Hymns, was received through their Corresponding Se tary, and referred to the above committee:

Your committee, into whose hands was placed the Printed Hy reported to the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, spectfully submit the following preamble and resolutions for adopti

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the Reformed Church powered the Synod of the United States to publish in connection w the "Order of Worship" a suitable appendix of Hymns, and, wher when the Synod of the United States appointed a committee to f such a collection of Hymns, the Synod of the Potomac was not or nized, but in reality constituted a part of the Synod to which the p vilege was granted and which appointed the committee; therefore solved,

1. That the Synod regards itself as properly included within t original privileges granted by the General Synod.

2. That this Synod most heartily adopts the collection of Hym made by the committee, and recommends its introduction and use our congregation so far as possible and prudent.

3. That this Synod appoint the following persons to wit: Rev. E. Higbee, D. D., Dr. L. H. Steiner and Rev. J. B. Kerschner, as a comm tee who in conjunction with a committee of the same number from t Synod of the United States, shall have power to prepare and publi an edition of the Collection of Hymns with music.

4. That such conjoint committee of six shall have power to a point an additional member of the committee, making the commit consist of seven.

5. That this Synod is willing to be responsible for its share of t expenses of such new edition with music, the ratio of its share bei based upon the number of communicant members, respectively, of t two Synods.

Submitted by the committee.

As Corresponding Secretary I was instructed to forward to you t action on this subject, by the Synod of the Potomac, with greeti from the Synod of the Potomac to the Synod of the United States.

Very truly,

J. W. SANTEE

Corresponding Secretary of the Synod of the Potom

The committee submitted their report. It was received and tal up item by item, amended, and then adopted. The report, as adopt is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the selection of Hymns de by a committee appointed by Synod, would respectfully report following:

Your committee have examined the selection made, as far as the ited time permitted. The Hymns are arranged according to the er of the Church Year, beginning with Advent and including all festival and holy days. There are also included hymns appro- ate to baptismal services; Ordination and Installation of ministers, of Elders and Deacons—Burial of the Dead—Laying of a ner-Stone—Consecration of Churches and Burial Grounds— nksgiving and Missions—Morning and Evening Hymns, closing a selection of Doxologies.

Your committee regards the selection as a very admirable one, taken whole. The majority of the Hymns are of hallowed memory, have grown venerable with age, breathing the Christian spirit piety of the saints in all ages of the past.

Your committee, however, would call the attention of Synod to the owing points as needing improvement:

1. The Book needs a few more communion hymns of familiar tres,—the hymns of the same metre should follow each other in secutive order.

2. The Book contains too small a number of national Thanksgiving ymns.

3. The Doxologies ought to be numbered.

Your committee would recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That this Synod appreciates and hereby acknowledges th thanks, the earnest labor and faithful services rendered by this mittee.

Respectfully submitted.

B. Bausman,
S. G. Wagner,
L. K. Evans,
Joseph Laubach,
} *Committee.*

The three suggestions contained in the above report, were referred to the committee to be appointed in compliance with the request of the Potomac Synod, to act in conjunction with its committee, in the preparation of an edition of the work with hymns set to music.

The following additional resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of the committee appointed to make a selection of Hymns, to be published with the "Order of Worship," be directed, through the members of this committee belonging to this Synod, to the matter of omitting some hymns, and substituting others in their stead, and to consider any other items brought out in the consideration of this subject, and give them such attention as they seem to demand, before the selection is finally issued.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to co-operate with the committee appointed by the Synod of the Potomac, in pre-

paring and publishing an edition of the Collection of Hymns with music.

The committee appointed to prepare a selection of German Hymns to be appended to the German edition of the "Order of Worship," submitted the following report.

Your committee appointed to prepare a Collection of German Hymns, to be added to the German translation of the "Order of Worship," respectfully report:

That they held a meeting on the 7th instant, at Reading, Pa., to which all the members were invited. Only four of the nine were present. The rest asked to be excused, for valid reasons, and two communicated their views on the subject in writing. Two of the most active members of the committee had executed a considerable amount of preliminary work,—presented a large number of Hymns, from which a selection might have been made within a reasonable space of time. Notwithstanding, a majority of the committee, six out of nine, are inclined to the opinion, that, under present circumstances, the work should be abandoned. Should Synod, however, decide otherwise, and in the exercise of its high prerogative direct its committee to carry out its wishes in this direction, then we would most respectfully ask a reconstruction of the committee, to consist of five instead of nine members.

Respectfully submitted.

N. GEHR, *Chairman.*

The report was received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk in reference to publishing the Minutes of the last annual sessions of Synod, and adopted:

The undersigned, as Stated Clerk of Synod, respectfully reports,

That he had the number of copies of the Minutes of the last annual sessions both in the English and German languages, published, as instructed by the Synod, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them. SAML. R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Goldsboro S. Griffith was elected to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Publication on the first of January next.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The committee to whom was referred by the Synod at its last an-

al sessions, the action of the General Synod in reference to the per appeal case, with instructions to report at the present annual sions, submitted the following report, which was received and pted:

The committee appointed by the last Synod, held at Bloomsburg, . 1874, to report on the action of the General Synod, in reference the Super appeal case, would report,

That, inasmuch as the Synod of Bloomsburg, laid down the princi- "that the acts and decisions of a General Synod are and ought be final—not even subject to revision or reconsideration by a sub- ent General Synod," it is not advisable for this Synod to take any her action in regard to this case; nevertheless this Synod is still e opinion, that the establishment of a Theological Seminary with- bounds, by members of this Synod, without its authority, is ly unconstitutional.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BECK, } *Committee.*
A. A. HUBER, }

The committee to whom was referred by the Synod at its last an- al sessions, a resolution on the subject of divorce, with instructions report at the present sessions, submitted their report. It was re- ved, and after a protracted discussion, the committee was enlarged by addition of the Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., and David E. Klopp, d the report recommitted. At a subsequent session, the chairman the committee stated to Synod, that the committee could not agree to the specific points which should claim their attention, and asked instructions on the subject. The request occasioned considerable ussion. It was, however, eventually arrested by the President, o announced it as his judgment, that the committee should confine lf to the particular point embodied in the original resolution sub- tted to it, which judgment was affirmed by the Synod. The com- ittee, under these instructions, subsequently submitted the following port, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom the last annual meeting of Synod referred resolution in regard to divorce, with instructions to report to this eeting of Synod, would respectfully report:

The resolution reads as follows, viz:

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Synod, a man divorced from is wife, even on the ground of adultery on her part, has no right, cording to the Scriptures, to marry again during the lifetime of his vorced wife."

In the opinion of a portion of your committee, the Synod should not be required to express a judgment on the question presented in the above resolution, for the reason, that it contains a general and abstract question, there having been no particular case laid before the last annual meeting, involving an issue on the subject of marriage and divorce.

as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to dismiss them, with a view to the formation of a German Synod, in connection with the Classis of Western New York of the Synod of Pittsburgh, and the German Classis of Maryland of the Synod of the Potomac. The request was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. David E. Klopp, John Wolbach and Elder Charles Christman. To this same committee was referred the action of the Synod of Pittsburgh, dismissing the West New York Classis for the purpose named in the requests of the above two Classes, reported by the Committee on Overtures. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the action of the Pittsburgh Synod, on the request of the West New York Classis to be dismissed for the purpose, with other German Classes, of forming a German Synod in the East; and also the request of the New York and German Philadelphia Classes to be dismissed for the same purpose, would suggest the following action:

Resolved, That the New York and German Philadelphia Classes be dismissed for the purpose stated in their request to this Synod.

Resolved, That these Classes meet in General Convention, in Salem Reformed Church, Fairmount Avenue, below Fourth street, Philadelphia, on the second Tuesday in January, 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of organizing a German Synod, and that the Rev. Dietrich Willers, D. D., preside at said meeting, and preach the opening sermon, and the Rev. John F. Busche be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted.

D. E. Klopp,
Jno. Wolbach,
Charles Christman, } *Committee.*

As reported by the Committee on Overtures, a petition was received from six suspended members of White Deer Church, Union Co., Pa., in which they request Synod to instruct the West Susquehanna Classis, to investigate the constitutionality of their suspension. The petition was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Simon M. K. Huber, Samuel A. Leinbach and Elder Adam Hersh. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom the petition of suspended members of the St. Peter's Reformed Church in White Deer township, Union county, Pa., was referred, would suggest the following action:

Resolved, That these petitioners be referred to the consistory of the congregation to which they belonged for investigation, and that said consistory be requested to give them a hearing and act in the case according to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted.

S. M. K. Huber,
S. A. Leinbach,
A. Hersh, } *Committee.*

Lancaster. There were three of the members of ou
ent, and one from the Potomac Synod, but none to
nod of Pittsburgh. As far as we know, this latter
pointed a committee on the subject.

The two committees did make an attempt to dr
lines, but owing to the facts stated above, did not s
to complete the work.

Respectfully submitted.

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The report was received and adopted, and th
tinued.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It having been ascertained, in connection with the
on the report of the Committee on the Minutes of
Corresponding Secretary of Synod had failed to n
Boards of Synod of its action, requesting them to sub
on the second day of the sessions, it was

Resolved, That the request to the Boards and in
Corresponding Secretary be renewed.

The following report was received from the Board of M
any Orphan Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., and referred
consisting of the Rev. John Beck, D. D., John S. S
David B. Mauger:

Amount of receipts brought forward,		$9,873.13
Of this sum the Board paid for stocking and improving the farm	$2,050.00.	
For Current Expenses.....	7,823.13.	
	$9,873.13.	
In addition to the above receipts the sum of ..... was contributed to meet the first payment on the Mandebach farm, bought a year ago. A number of friends paid each for an acre of ground ($175 00), and one lady paid for two acres.		2,600.00
A number of persons bought a new piano for the Home, which cost.....		375.00
Making the total amount received for all purposes..		$12,848 13

The Home still owes a debt of $8,000.00 on the farm, payable in two equal payments, the one falling due October 1, 1876, and the other October 1, 1878. Toward this they have the Audenried legacy of $5 000.00 besides about $500.00 of unpaid subscriptions for the same object. Leaving the sum of $2,500.00 unprovided for.

The Home owns a farm of 87 acres of land, of which about 60 acres are clear, and in a good state of cultivation. Besides the large Home building and its outbuildings, we have a farm-house, barn, corn-barn and an old stone mill. The farm is stocked with 4 horses and 20 head of horned cattle, among which are 9 good milk cows. The stock and farming implements are worth about $2000.

During the year, we raised 25 tons of hay, 350 bushels of wheat, 2 acres of rye, 7 acres of corn, 8 acres of oats, and 3¼ acres of potatoes, besides a large quantity of vegetables.

Besides the Superintendent and his wife, the Home employs one male and two female teachers, an Assistant Matron, a Cook, a Shoemaker and a Farmer. The Gardener has lately been discharged. The larger girls help the cook and matrons to do the housework, and the larger boys help to do the farm-work.

During the year 108 children were connected with the Home. Twenty-five were received, and thirty-five left the Home. Of the latter some became of age, others by request of the Board were transferred to Soldiers' Orphans' Schools, a few were expelled, and several ran away. We now have 70. Among these are 19 soldiers' orphans. A few years ago we had from 50 to 60 such, yielding us annually from $5000 to $6000. Our receipts the coming year will be less than $2000 from this source.

The maintenance of Soldiers' Orphans has all along been regarded as a mere temporary arrangement. As has been expected, this must ere long become a Home exclusively for church orphans. The diminution of our receipts from the State will have to be provided for by an increase of church support, or we must keep a smaller number of children, or run into debt.

The Home has lately been severely tried by the publicatio serious charges of cruelty, said to have been inflicted on the chil The Board made a thorough investigation and found the bulk of false and malicious. The Farmer, though a faithful worker, tre several of the boys roughly. He has vacated his post. Two a indiscreet discipline were committed—one four years ago, the o later, which however harmed no one. The other charges were derous, and inflicted an infamous wrong on some of the best serv of the Home. The Board has revised its system of government discipline, so as to make its working more efficient and harmoni The treasury is now $1,500 in debt for current expenses. Breth this is *your* Home, we need not urge you to stand by and suppo

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*
D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Secret*

The committee to whom the above report was referred, submi the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Boar Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa., w offer the following report:

The Home has been carried forward the past year, in a very sa factory manner, in all its departments. The addition to the real est of the Home, made by the purchase of 60 acres of land, has, it true, imposed a somewhat heavy debt upon the Home; but i friends and patrons came nobly to its support, so that the burden w not only easily borne, but largely diminished.

There is also a debt for current expenses now resting on the ins tution of $1,500, and it is stated, that the income from the soldie orphans in the Home is annually growing less, on account of th withdrawal of such orphans from it.

During the year a dark cloud of suspicion and slander gathere around the Home, which, it is great pleasure to say, has been entirel dispersed and the Home stands forth now all the fairer and bright on account of it. But as the faith of some has been shaken, and it feared, that the truth will not be able to overtake the falsehood in a its wanderings, it becomes the more urgent that the friends of th Home rally to its support with increased liberality. In view of th whole subject, we would recommend the adoption of the followin resolutions:

1. That it is a matter of devout thanksgiving to the Father of th fatherless, that, under His guidance and by His help the Home has com out of the fiery furnace of trial, through which it was called to pas with scarcely the smell of fire on its garments.

2. That the Home be and hereby is, affectionately commended to th love and increased liberality of our congregations and Sunday-schoo

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BECK,
JOHN S. STAHR, } *Committee.*
D B. MAUGER,

The committee to whom was referred by the Synod at its last annual sions, the request of the Classis of West Susquehanna to Synod, ake measures toward securing a proper religious celebration of National Centennial Independence by our churches, with instruc- s to report at the present sessions, submitted the following report, ich was received and adopted:

The committee to whom the last annual Synod referred the request West Susquehanna Classis, in regard to taking measures towards uring a proper religious celebration of our National Centennial by churches, would respectfully report:

The end aimed at by the said Classis is one worthy of the atten- n of this Synod, as well as of the whole Church. We, therefore, spectfully submit the following for the consideration of Synod, viz:

Resolved, That this Synod recommends to all its pastors, congrega- ns, and members to observe the Sunday preceding the fourth of ly, A. D. 1876, as a day of praise and thanksgiving to almighty d, commemorating His great goodness to our land and nation in ablishing and perpetuating a government that secures civil and igious liberty to all the people, and, especially, that guarantees to e Church of our Lord Jesus Christ freedom of faith, worship, and scipline, and protects her in all her rights of person and property. here a charge is composed of more than one congregation, there may a general meeting of all, on the day specified, in one of the central ngregations.

Resolved, That all our members, young and old, rich and poor, be ked to make free-will offerings to the use of our benevolent ope- tions, including our Theological and Literary institutions, as an expression of gratitude to God for the civil and religious liberties, which we enjoy. Such free-will offerings shall be applied as indivi- dual donors or consistories may designate.

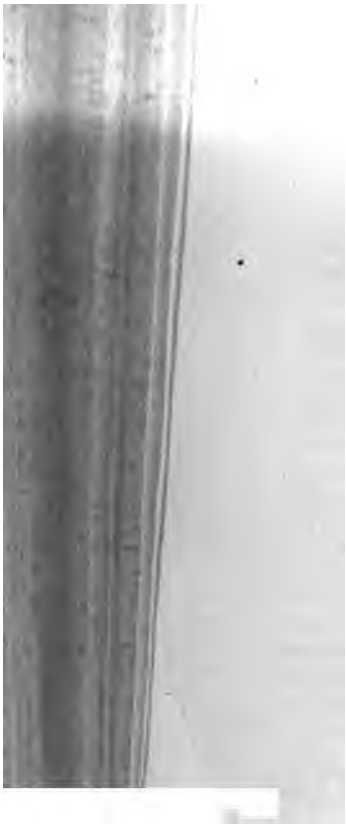
Resolved, That the Classes of this Synod be requested to make such arrangements, at their next annual meetings, as may be necessary to carry out, by all their churches, the object of this action.

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully request the General Synod to take such measures, as will secure the co-operation of the whole Church in the observance of this Centennial celebration.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. GROH,
E. V. GERHART, } *Committee.*
A. L. DECHANT,

Communications from the Hon. John W. Killinger, Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., and the Corresponding Seceretary of the Synod of Pittsburgh, reported by the Committee on Overtures, relating to filling vacancies occurring in the several Boards, were referred to the Committee on Nominations. To the same Committee was referred so much of the reports of the Trustees of Synod and the Board of Publication, as relates to the same subject. The Committee on Nominations presented



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Joseph S. Dubbs, D.D.,		Superannuated,															Allentown, Lehigh County, Pa.
John Zuilch,	6	Jacob's, &c.,		1200		109	139		792			59	27		$50 00		Steinsville, do do
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	4	Ziegel, &c.,		750	640	125	39	11	681	9	30	53	6	450	1233 66	$2050 00	Fogelsville, do do
J. Sassaman Herman,	5	Kutztown,		1180	400	200	103		789		10	56	5	415	381 00	780 00	Kutztown, Berks County, do
Cyrus J. Becker,	2	Howertown,		545	442				490								Catasauqua, Lehigh do
Alfred J. Herman,	6	Zion,	1	650	270	80	20		470			44	7		1200 00	8500 00	Maxatawny, Berks do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,		540	376	48	34	10	454		4	26	7	222	558 72	2197 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,	1	570	380	33	30	32	400		8	20	1	300	300 00	1800 00	do do do
John Beck, D.D.,	1	Easton,	2	420	400	35	14	5	365		6	17	1		4224 50		Easton, do do
Ernest W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield,	1	875	600	45	23		600			20	5		175 00	1905 00	Nazareth, do do
Wm. R. Rofford,	1	South Whitehall,		190	150	19		1	160			17	2		769 50	302 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Abr. Bartholomew,	5	Weissport,		700	530	173	141		575		3	35	14		219 00	2225 00	Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Zion's Ref., Allento'n,	2	823	461	64	64	23	506		9	45	1	540	357 28	3129 89	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robt. Lisberger,	2	Oxford Furnace,		130	90	31	10		120			2	2	210	14 45		Nazareth, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,	4	Jordan,	1	900	700	59	46		725			55	14		311 11		Fogelsville, Lehigh do
Martin A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	1	900	600	34	52		520			15	3	250	511 00	1600 00	Nazareth, Northampton do
J. C. Julius Kurtz,	1	Tamaqua,		550	250	55	24		260			17	2	150	77 00	1000 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Samuel A. Leinbach	3	Egypt,	2	525		66	24		350		2	16	7	325	440 66	13000 00	Coplay, Lehigh do
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	St. John's Ref., Allent.		312	217	22	6	24	235		1	8	1	226	258 00	5000 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Slatington,		410	240	51	28	4	355		2	20	2	265	556 00	692 00	Slatington, do do
Daniel E. Schoedler,	3	Brodheadsville,		275	330		90		265	1		35	4	300	72 00	2500 00	Brodheadsville, Monroe do
Frederick H. Schwartz,	2	Bernville,		500		90	22		360			26			17 00	229 75	Bernville, Berks do
Thomas C. Porter, D.D.,		Prof., Lafayette Col.,															Easton, Northampton do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	3	Macungie,		530	250				380								Allentown, Lehigh do
Benjamin Weiss,	4	Lenhardtsville,		490	200	53	37		400			13	5	450	90 00	3400 00	Lenhardtsville, Berks do
Jared Fritzinger,	2	Petersville,		250	125	41			200			6	2	125	40 00	1800 00	Bath, Northampton do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	2	Kreidersville,	1	620	500	46	48	1	496			31	2	225	410 00	1325 00	Cherryville, do do
George H. Johnston,	1	St. Mark's, Easton,		133	103	11	27	29	110		3	1	1	270	36 00	1478 17	Easton, do do
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a General Convention, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., on the first Wednesday in November, A. D., 1875, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with singing, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, and prayer and the apostolic benediction by the President.

N. S. STRASSBURGER, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

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SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Theol. Students.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	2	Trappe,	338		11	12	6	300		7	4	1	120			Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	155	30	13	26	2	150				2	80	$33 00		Chester Springs, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	170	40	6			155				1	40	54 00		do do do
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	403	140	30	23	10	280		6	18	3	230	123 69		Vincent, do do
Abraham Romich,*	1	St. Stephen's,	180	125	89	29	40	150		27	17	1	130	12 50		No. 2322 Parish St., Philad., do
D. Ernest Klopp	1	Trinity,	260	65	31	13	3	220		3	3	2	275	60 00		No. 1541 N. 7th St., do do
Maxwell S. Rowland,	1	East Vincent,	202		5	2	4	150			2	1				Spring City, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Matthew's,	140		5	14	1	125			2					do do do
Edwin H. Nevin, D. D.,	1	First Ch., Race Str.,	278		1	9	4	210		2	1	2	270	500 00		No. 719 Marshall St., Philad., do
Joseph H. Dubbs,	1	Christ Church,	212	80	9	12	12	170		7	5	1	192	1,050 04		No. 1727 Mt. Vernon St., do do
John G. Noss,	1	St. John's,	47	42	12	4	7	42		1	6	1	85	65 00		No. 4042 Haverford St. Phila., do
W. C. Hendrickson,	1	Heidelberg,	180	64	24	23		135		11	4	1	196	435 00		1310 North 19th St., do do
Henry M. Kieffer,	1	Ascension,	155	50	10	8	8	120		2	3	1	125	102 10		Norristown, do
Josiah D. Detrick,†	1	White Marsh,														Flowertown, Montgomery Co., do
do supply,	1	North Wales,	84	36	7			62		15		1	90	15 35		
Vacant,	1	Pleasantville,	220	90	2		2	180		2		2	190	35 00		Pleasantville, do do
do	1	Boehm's,	205	132				163		5	1	1	70	153 78		Blue Bell, do do
do	1	St. John's, Del.,	28	18	1			26		4	1	1	27			Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
J. H. Honsberger,	1	2 Ref. Ch. Norristown,	29		2			27				1	60			Norristown, Pa.
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Ed. Ref. Ch. Mess'ger,														No. 907 Arch St., Philad., do
C. W. Schultz,		Without Charge,														Camden, N. J.
George Leidy,		do do														Norristown, Pa.
Charles Lukens,		do do														Frankford, Philadelphia, do
H. W. Super,		Prof. in Ursinus Col.,														Collegeville, Montgomery Co., do
Daniel Feete,		Without Charge,														Norristown, do
J. M. Hartzell,		do do														North Wales, Montgomery Co., do
John Van Haagen, Lic.,																Collegeville, do do
H. F. Seiple, do																Woodberry, Bedford Co., do
Total, 22.	23		3286	912	258	175	99	2665		92	67	23	2180	$2,639 46		

*Report of last year.
†No Report.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School's.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Expenses.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John F. Busche,	1	New York,	350	200	180	48	16	350		2	4	1	275	$267 00	$3963 00	108 Rivington St., N. Y. City.
Philip A. Schwarz,	1	Boston,	175		37			150				1	80			Boston Highlands, 21 Cliff St., Mass.
Lewis B. Schwarz,																Boston, Mass.
Charles Bank,	2	New Brunswick,	250	180	62	15	13	230	6		20	2	150			New Brunswick, N. J.
Kaspar Brunner,	1	Bridgeport,	125	20	66	22		117			2	1	100			Bridgeport, Conn.
	1	Rahway,	178					135				1	100			
J. J. Rösch,	1	Breslau,	80		3			50			1	1	50			Breslau, L. Isl.
Oscar Lohr,		Foreign Missionary,														Bisrampore, India.
John S. Ebaugh,		Emeritus,														Jersey City, N. J.
Total, 8.	7		1158	400	348	85	29	1032	6	2	27	7	755	$267 00	$3963 00	

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John G. Fritchey, Supply,		Supply,														Lancaster City, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John W. Nevin, D.D.,	1	St. Stephen's,	101	17	2	9	11	101		2	1			$166 90	$1,620 00	do do do
George W. Glessner,		Without charge,														do do do
William T. Gerhard,	1	St. John's, Lancaster,	376	162	32	20	29	224		36	7	1	130	38 00	1,401 49	do do do
John G. Wolff,		Without charge,														do do do
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	365	303	23	25	5	320		9	14	1	283	1,736 00	1,528 22	do do do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,		Prof. in Th. Seminary,														do do do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,														do do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Millersville,	267	105	30	29	2	225		5	6	3	240	112 13	1,165 00	Millersville, do do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	269	119	14	8	8	168			5	1	60	121 62	871 62	Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Thomas G. Apple, D. D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem.,														Lancaster City, Lancaster do
Joseph Hannabery,	2	New Providence,	162	93	1	18	1	140		2	4	2	202	170 53	663 63	N. Providence, do do
John V. Eckert,		Supply,														Columbia, do do
Walter E. Krebs,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,														Lancaster City, do do
Frederick A. Gast,		Prof. in Theol. Sem.,														do do do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	300	180	11	16	13	250		12	9	1	450	1,992 61	2,060 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Calvin U. Heilman,		Agent F. & M. College														Elk Lick, Somerset, Pa.
Darius W. Gerhard,	3	New Holland,	348	210	43	35		276		4	9	3	180	214 31	1,025 00	N. Holland, Lancaster do
Joseph B. Shumaker,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	202	120	11	20	15	190		4	4	1	210	834 75	1,675 35	Lancaster City, Lan. do
Stephen Schweitzer,	6	Reamstown,	760	285	58	63	1	429			30	5	345	131 55	1,130 00	Union Station, do do
Daniel C. Tobias	4	Bethany,	330	180	31	14	7	275		2	8	2	100	101 75	550 00	Litiz, do do
Oliver L. Ashenfelter,		Without charge														Carlisle, do
John S. Stahr,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,														Lancaster City, Lancaster do
George W. Snyder,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	95	73	24	14	12	75		1	9	1	180	194 26	789 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Conrad Clever,	1	Columbia,	120	80	31	29	25	85		6	3	1	145	50 00	950 00	Columbia, Lancaster do
[illegible] Noll,	1	Zwingli, Harrisburg,	108		4	2	16	82				1	30	16 75	500 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
[illegible] Pannebecker,	3	Elizabethtown,	165	60	14	3		150			2	3	150	379 61	2,005 00	Elizabethtown, Lancaster do
	3	Manheim	125	47	8	7	4	82		2	3	1	95	50 00	413 00	Manheim do do
[illegible]Total, 27.	36		4093	2034	337	312	149	2972		85	114	27	2800	$6,310 77	$18,347 31	

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MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School's.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Expenses.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John F. Busche,	1	New York,	350	200	180	48	16	350		2	4	1	275	$267 00	$3963 00	108 Rivington St., N. Y. City.
Philip A. Schwarz,	1	Boston,	175		37			150				1	80			Boston Highlands, 21 Cliff St., Mass.
Lewis B. Schwarz,																Boston, Mass.
Charles Bank,	2	New Brunswick,	250	180	62	15	13	230	6		20	2	150			New Brunswick, N. J.
Kaspar Brunner,	1	Bridgeport,	125	20	66	22		117			2	1	100			Bridgeport, Conn.
	1	Rahway,	178					135				1	100			
J. J. Rösch,	1	Breslau,	80		3			50			1	1	50			Breslau, L. Isl.
Oscar Lohr,		Foreign Missionary,														Bisrampore, India.
John S. Ebaugh,		Emeritus,														Jersey City, N. J.
Total, 8.	7		1158	400	348	85	29	1032	6	2	27	7	755	$267 00	$3963 00	

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Current Expenses.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
G. Fritchey, Supply,		Supply,														Lancaster City, Lancaster Co., Pa.
...n W. Nevin, D.D.,	1	St. Stephen's,	101	17	2	9	11	101		2	1			$166 90	$1,620 00	do do do
George W. Glessner,		Without charge,														do do do
William T. Gerhard,	1	St. John's, Lancaster,	376	162	22	20	29	224		36	7	1	130	38 00	1,401 49	do do do
John G. Wolff,		Without charge,														do do do
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	365	303	23	25	5	320		9	14	1	283	1,736 00	1,528 22	do do do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,		Prof. in Th. Seminary,														do do do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,														do do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Millersville,	267	105	30	29	2	225		5	6	3	240	112 13	1,165 00	Millersville, do do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	269	119	14	8	8	168			5	1	60	121 62	871 62	Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Thomas G. Apple, D. D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem.,														Lancaster City, Lancaster do
Joseph Hannabery,	2	New Providence,	162	93	1	18	1	140		2	4	2	202	170 53	663 63	N. Providence, do do
John V. Eckert,		Supply,														Columbia, do do
Walter E. Krebs,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,														Lancaster City, do do
Frederick A. Gast,		Prof. in Theol. Sem.,														do do do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	300	180	11	16	13	250		12	9	1	450	1,992 61	2,060 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Calvin U. Heilman,		Agent F. & M. College														Elk Lick, Somerset, Pa.
Darius W. Gerhard,	3	New Holland,	348	210	43	35		276		4	9	3	180	214 31	1,025 00	N. Holland, Lancaster do
Joseph B. Shumaker,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	202	120	11	20	15	190		4	4	1	210	834 75	1,675 35	Lancaster City, Lan. do
Stephen Schweitzer,	6	Reamstown,	760	285	58	63	1	429			30	5	345	131 55	1,130 00	Union Station, do do
Daniel C. Tobias	4	Bethany,	330	180	31	14	7	275		2	8	2	100	101 75	550 00	Litiz, do do
Oliver L. Ashenfelter,		Without charge														Carlisle, do
John S. Stahr,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,														Lancaster City, Lancaster do
George W. Snyder,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	95	73	24	14	12	75		1	9	1	180	194 26	789 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Conrad Clever,	1	Columbia,	120	80	31	29	25	85		6	3	1	145	50 00	950 00	Columbia, Lancaster do
Moritz Noll,	1	Zwingli, Harrisburg,	108		4	2	16	82				1	30	16 75	500 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
J. H. Pannebecker,	3	Elizabethtown,	165	60	14	3		150			2	3	150	379 61	2,005 00	Elizabethtown, Lancaster do
Vacant,	3	Manheim	125	47	8	7	4	82		2	3	1	95	50 00	413 00	Manheim do do
Total, 27.	36		4093	2034	337	312	149	2972		85	114	27	2800	$6,310 77	$18,347 31	

Beneficiary S udents: A. D. Gring, A. D. Shullenberger, S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. K. Hannabery.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

ES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Home Expenses.	PO
	210	190	44	30		200			12	1	100	$80 00	$900 00	Ashland
	341	265	30	21	12	305		6	6	4	400	520 00	1200 00	Danville
rge,														Milton,
hanna,	320	270	30	28	2	280		1	8	5	270	129 00	1100 00	Berwick
	311		39	23	8	280	5		13	3	250	135 00		Shamok
	400	200	42	14	4	370		8	16	5	220	241 00	5400 00	Millersb
	479	350	25	42	1	379			16	7		167 00	1100 00	Greenbri
	226	200	5	6	3	226		1	10	4	225	105 00	900 00	Orangev
ion,	90	56	7	2	5	90			5	2	70	97 00	[illegible]	

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Expenses.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	421	384	16	2	10	360		5	7	6	235	$251 10	$1,975 00	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Beaver Springs,	575	400	111	116		575		2	35	5	400	616 40	1,137 50	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
David G. Klein,	2	Eden,	120	110	14			94			5	2	175			Walker, Centre do
Cyrus H. Reiter,	4	Aaronsburg,	487	357	20	9	5	335		4	7	4	225	185 20		Aaronsburg, do do
Vacant	2	Lewisburg,	350	150	8			120				2		20 50	1 000 00	Lewisburg, Union do
George E. Addams,	3	Mifflinburg,	400	110	12	24	4	236	1	1	18	3	200	304 24	1,500 00	Mifflinburg, do do
William W. Clouser,	4	White Deer,	336	225	24	13	4	312			3	4	150	558 97	700 00	West Milton, Union do
Wm. A. Haas,	5	Selinsgrove,	390	245	55	28	2	340			5	5	265	602 38	1,500 00	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
William M. Landis,	6	Rebersburg,	287	238	22	14	1	209			5	5	130	151 03	700 00	Rebersburg, Centre do
Hiram King,	2	Bellefonte,	120	90	12	20	14	85		11	2	1	119	46 07	700 00	Bellefonte do do
H. D. Darbaker,*	4	Nittany Valley,	290	195	1						1	2	175			Walker, do do
Willoughby Donat,*	6	Liverpool,	380	200				300								Oriental, Perry do
Vacant,	6	New Berlin,														
J. F. De Long,	1	Williamsport,	140	90	4	2	12	116		2	2	1	115	6 50	511 40	Williamsport, Lycoming do
Uriah H. Heilman,		Without charge,														Lewisburg, Union do
J. C. Bucher, D.D.,		do														do do do
A. B. Caspar,		do														New Berlin, do do
Jonathan Zeller,		do														Lock Haven, do do
Total, 16.	55		4296	2794	299	228	52	3082	1	25	90	40	2189	$2,742 39	$9,723 90	

* Lately taken charge. Candidates for the Ministry, 3.

GERMAN CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Students.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Nicholas Gehr, D. D.,	1	Zion's,	731	440	141	47	17	731		23	63	2	535	2	$731 00	$5,200	1230 N. 6th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
John G. Wiehle, D. D.,	1	Salem's,	900	451	471	111	20	900		32	160	3	826		736 00	6,000	404 Fairmount Av., do do
John G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem's,	667	400	260	99	23	667		3	92	3	600		557 25	5,000	1304 Howard St., do do
Jacob Dahlman,	1	Emanuel's,	200	150	42	20	18	155		3	5	1	180	1	399 07	2,200	413 N. 38th St., do do
Charles Becker,	1	Bethlehem's,	54	46	20		4	50		16	3	1	50		46 00	270	Glassboro, N. J.
Christian Keller,	1	Emanuel's,	95	64	39	10	11	95		4	8	1	116		67 57	900	Bridesburg, Philadelphia, Pa.
John Bachman,	2	St. John's,	75	48	17	11	5	62			5	2	65			375	Egg Harbor City, N. J.
John Roeck,	1	St. Paul's,	158	150	53	8	25	102		21	6	1	110		36 00	650	742 Park St., Philad., Pa.
John A. Leisse,		Without charge,															Wernersville, Berks Co., do
Total, 9.	9		2880	1749	1043	306	123	2762		102	342	14	2482	3	$2,572 89	$20,595	

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Weiser, D. D.		Retired,													Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Lewis C. Herman,		do													Gilbertsville, Montg'y do
C. Zwingli Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	900	400	65	19	16	800		3	38	2	400	$940 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	575	352	50	11		517		7	32	4	Union	204 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
L. Kryder Evans,	1	Trinity Church,	490	370	48	21	12	460			20	1	370	239 10	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Falconer Swamp,	707	609	55	32	22	632		1	25	1	125	219 97	Boyertown, Berks do
L. D. Leberman,	4	Pottstown,	839	384				694							Pottstown, Montgomery do
S. M. K. Huber,	3	Wentz's,	620	223	53	47	6	487		4	22	3	200	175 88	Worcester, Montgomery do
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	6	Friedensburg,	660	400	51	28	2	620		10	32	4	250	380 00	Oley, Berks do
Eli Keller,	4	Zionsville,	400	400				250			12	1	120	82 27	Shimersville Lehigh do
Licentiates.															
David Y. Schaub,															Reading do
Henry L. Gerhart,															Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Franklin J. Mohr, Supply,	1	Chestnut Hill,													
Total, 12.	28		5191	3138	322	158	58	4460		25	181	16	1465	$2,241 22	

CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

MINISTERS.	Conge.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Samuel Hess,		Retired,														Hellertown, Northampton Co., Pa.
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown,	364	120	24	5	16	327		19	14	3	74	$143 00		Hilltown, Bucks do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham,	840	550	53	32		685		14	18	4	150	860 00	$1430 00	Bucksville, do do
L. C. Sheip,	1	Doylestown,	90	70	8	1	3	80		3	2	1	85		600 00	Doylestown, do do
S. K. Gross,	2	Ridge Valley,	286		31		2	247		1	16	2		51 00	460 00	Sellersville, do do
A. F. Ziegler,	2	St. Paul's,	300	180	46			274		2	19	2	150	170 69		Bingen, Northampton do
T. O. Stem,	4	Lower Saucon,	680	370	70	36	3	567		2	27	4	225	254 77	8000 00	Hellertown, do do
Jacob Kehm,	2	Indian Creek,	800	450	54	53	1	735		3	30	1	250	147 00	1415 18	Sellersville, Bucks do
Nath. Z. Snyder,	2	South Bethlehem,	230	185	23	27	20	160		15	9	1	130	214 72	611 00	S. Bethlehem, Northampt. do
Franklin J. Mohr,	4	Quakertown,	487	300	34	20	31	413		11	23	4	270	174 25	1950 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
R. Leighton Gerhart,	1	Riegelsville,	160	85	13	25	7	141			6	1	125	139 89	15800 00	Riegelsville, do do
Henry Hess, supply,	2	Springfield,	490	145				300								Pleasant Hill, do do
J. W. G. Dengler,	3	Sellersville,	395		2			300				3				Sellersville, do do
Nath. Z. Snyder, supplies,	1	Friedensville,	275	150	10			125		2	10	1	60		350 00	
R. L. Gerhart, do	1	South Easton,	75	30	5			60			1	1	150	15 15	225 00	
A. F. Ziegler, do	2	Keller & Applebach's,	230	110	12	17		204		1	11	2	100	111 00		
J. M. Hartzell, do	1	New Hilltown,	81													
D. Rothrock, do	1	Upper Tinicum,	100		16	25		96			7	1				
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Number of Beneficiary Students under care of Classis, 2.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	Stud. for the Min'y.
East Pennsylvania,	31	93	17,133	9,171	1,577	1,061	155	12,597	10	106	654	129	5,183	$12.601 52	$58,313 81	12
Lebanon,	31	96	15,138	9,610	1,581	868	442	12,159	2	182	544	102	8,505	8,560 25	32,016 85	17
Philadelphia,	22	23	3,286	912	258	175	99	2,665		92	67	23	2,180	2,639 46		
New York,	8	7	1,158	400	348	85	29	1,032	6	2	27	7	755	267 00	3,963 00	
Lancaster,	27	36	4,093	2,034	337	312	149	2,972		85	114	27	2,800	6,310 77	18,347 31	4
East Susquehanna,	22	78	8,096	4,827	774	546	177	6,488	5	47	297	72	3,826	3,014 00	24,320 00	2
West Susquehanna,	16	55	4,296	2,794	299	228	52	3,082	1	25	90	40	2,189	2,742 39	9,723 90	3
German Philadelphia,	9	9	2,880	1,749	1,043	306	123	2,762		102	342	14	2,482	2,572 89	20,595 00	3
Goshenhoppen,	12	28	5,191	3,138	322	158	58	4,460		25	181	16	1,465	2,241 22		2
Tohickon,	14	35	5,883	2,745	401	241	83	4,714		73	193	31	1,769	2,281 47	30,841 18	2
Total, 10 Classes,	192	440	67,154	37,380	6,940	3,980	1,367	52,931	24	739	2,509	461	31,154	$43,230 97	$198,121 05	45
Synod of Ohio, 10 Classes,	144	338	23,083	12,778	2,118	1,434	667	18,794	195	306	526	227	16,188	12,767 02		8
Synod of the North West, 8 Classes,	109	179	12,717	10,877	1,463	786	1,001	10,681	52	176	420	133	6,810	8,486 95		2
Synod of Pittsburgh, 6 Classes,	67	131	10,824	10,171	1,097	800	393	9,213	7	197	313	79	5,640	14.885 52		10
Synod of the Potomac, 7 Classes,	107	250	26,494	16,856	1,854	1,352	409	23,509	2	232	676	220	12,937	11,603 91		31
Total, 5 Synods, 41 Classes,	619	1338	140,272	88,062	13,472	8,352	3,837	115,928	280	1,650	4,444	1,120	72,729	$90,974 37	$198,121 05	96

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One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Annual Sessions.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

(In General Convention),

AT

LANCASTER, PA., NOVEMBER, 1875.

PHILADELPHIA:
REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD,
907 ARCH STREET.
1875.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in General Convention in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in the month of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-five. The Sessions continued from the evening of the Third to the evening of the Tenth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Sessions of Synod were opened with singing and prayer by the President, the Rev. N. S. Strassburger, prior to which he preached a sermon from Matthew xxii. 42: "*What think ye of Christ?*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. John Beck, D. D., Samuel A. Leinbach, Thomas C. Porter, D. D., Jared Fritzinger, George H. Johnston, A. B. Koplin, Daniel F. Brendle, Isaac K. Loos, Martin A. Smith, N. S. Strassburger, Alfred J. G. Dubbs,[2] Benjamin Weisz.[4]

NOTE.—The figure at the end of the name indicates the day of the sessions, on which the member took his seat.

Elders.—Owen L. Schreiber, Thomas Yundt,* Henry Wickert, Thomas F. Butz, Owen Romig, Thomas H. Becker, Samuel Lerch, John Kern, George Hagenbuch.[2]

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., Jacob Klein, Jonathan E. Hiester, Charles F. McCauley, D. D., Thomas C. Leinbach, Benjamin Bausman, D. D., Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., Eli E. Hiester, Daniel B. Albright, John O. Johnson, Frederick W. Dechant, M. L. Fritch, A. S. Stouffer, E. D. Miller, Aaron H. Leiss, George W. Aughinbaugh, D. D.,[2] John P. Stein,[2] C. H. Mutchler,[2] Aaron S. Leinbach, Henry A. Keyser, John W. Steinmetz,[2] Thomas S. Johnston, D. D.,[2] William M. Reily,[2] George Wolff, D. D.[4]

Elders.—Isaac McHose, Horatio Jones, William Keller, William Siegfried, Frederick Schnader, John H. Shaak, Edward L. Killmer, Adam L. Hain, Daniel Small, Charles Bonar, Lewis H. Koch,[2] Peter Daub, Daniel S. Raber,[2]† Solomon Hartman,[2] C. S. Spangler,[4] Thomas S. Land.[4]

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., David E. Klopp, John G. Noss, Harry M. Kieffer, Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., William F. Lichliter, John H. Sechler, Alvin S. Zerbe, Joseph H. Hunsberger, Franklin K. Levan,[4] Edward H. Nevin, D. D.[4]

Elders.—J. David Miller, Abraham Schwenk, William Brownback, Henry Snyder, William Posey, Samuel Bomberger, James Koons, John Espenship,[2] Hiram C. Hoover.[4]

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. John G. Fritchey, John W. Nevin, D. D., William T. Gerhard, Amos H. Kremer, D. D., Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., Alfred B. Shenkle, Samuel Kuhn, Thomas G. Apple, D. D., Frederick A. Gast, William H. H. Snyder, Darius W. Gerhard, Joseph B. Shumaker, Joseph H. Dubbs, Stephen Schweitzer, Daniel C. Tobias, Geo. W. Snyder, Conrad Clever, Moritz Noll, John H. Pannebecker, John S. Stahr, Walter E. Krebs, Theodore Appel, D. D.

Elders.—Daniel W. Gross,‡ Henry Fuehrer, Charles W. E. Siegel, Abraham Mader, William H. Seibert, Daniel Helm, Charles Denues,§ John B. Roth,‖ George W. Gardner, Abraham Kline, Jacob Gorgas, John Sausman, Henry Rupp, John H. Pearsol.[2]

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* Was succeeded on the fifth day of the sessions by Elder Thomas Foust.

† Was succeeded on the fourth day of the sessions by Elder William M. Gilbert.

‡ Was succeeded on the fourth day of the sessions by Elder George Z. Kunkel, who was also substituted in his place on the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

§ Was succeeded on the fourth day of the sessions by Elder Abraham Bausman.

‖ Was succeeded on the third day of the session by Elder Edw. J. Zahm.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, Henry S. Bassler, T. Frank Hoffmeier, David O. Shoemaker, Cyrus H. Reiter, Isaac E. Graeff, Julius Fuendeling, Jacob B. Kerschner, Alfred Houtz, John K. Millet,[2] William G. Engle,[2] Tilghman Derr,[2] John Wolbach.[3]

Elders.—Charles Newhard, Jacob R. Hilbush, Jacob M. Follmer, Benjamin Bomboy, Tilghman D. Strauss, George J. Weaver, R. S. Auker, Charles Fenstermacher, William Gass, Abraham Blasser, Abraham Wagner.[2]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. J. Casper Bucher, D.D., William H. Groh, William W. Clouser, William A. Haas, William M. Landis, Hiram King, Henry D. Darbaker, James Crawford, Zwingli A. Yearick, John W. Pontious, Joseph G. Shoemaker, J. F. Delong.

Elders.—George Meyer, John Hoffer, Noah Ritter, Henry Eisenhauer, Griffin Rote, William H. Corman, Patrick Brown.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. Lucian J. Mayer, C. Zwingli Weiser, D. D.,[2] Simon M. K. Huber,[2] Eli Keller,[4] Augustus L. Dechant.[4]

Elders.—Frederick H. Stouffer, Richard Geist, George Pennepacker,[2] Christian Allebach,[2] Reuben Mumbauer.[4]

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Rev. David Rothrock, Amandus F. Ziegler, Jacob Kehm, Franklin J. Mohr, James G. Dengler, Nathaniel Z. Snyder, William H. Bates, Tilghman O. Stem.[4]

Elders.—John L. Boyer, Levi L. Jacoby, Henry Weisel, David Harr, Charles Hendricks, Edward Afflerbach, Isaac Riegel, R. R. Cress, Isaac O. Person.[4]

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present during one or more of the sessions:

From the Philadelphia Classis.—Elder Charles Santee.

From the East Susquehanna Classis.—Elder David Eschbach.

From the Synod of Pittsburgh.—Rev John M. Titzel, John McConnell, Jacob F. Wiant, Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher, J. J. Pennypacker, John A. Hoffheins, John W. Love, Joseph B. Thompson, John Dotterer, George B. Russell, D. D., Calvin U. Heilman. Elders: T. J. Craig, William G. King.

From the Synod of the Potomac.—Rev. Joseph W. Santee, John Ault, William D. Lefever, Daniel Y. Heisler, Joel T. R Ellis N. Kremer, Edmund R. Eschbach, Elnathan E. Higbee, George L. Staley, D. D., Peter S. Davis, D. D., Jacob O. D. D., Jacob B. Kerschner, Wm. K. Zieber, D. D., Stephen F mer, Owen L. Ashenfelter, Samuel N. Callender, D. D. I Francis L. McKeehan, Adam B. Wingerd, William A. Wilt

From the Eastern German Synod.—Rev. John Kuelling, N Gehr, D. D., John A. Leiss.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced at in during the sessions:

From the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Dr. Westwood.

From the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. Dr. E. Greer F. P. Mayser, D. P. Rosenmiller, B. C. Suesserott, Mr. Pohr Brobst, F. J. F. Schantz, J. S. Renninger, S. A. Fetzer Henry.

From the Moravian Church.—Rev. Mr. Oerter.

From the Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. Mr. Turne Dobbins.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Isaac E. Graeff was chosen *President.*

Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D, was chosen *Correspond cretary.*

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., is *Stated Clerk.*

George W. Hensel, Esq., was re-elected *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the first te from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and clos sessions:

The *Morning* session to open at 9 and close at half-past 11 o'clock.

The *Afternoon* session to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

Evening sessions were held on the third and on the last days of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod.—Rev. George H. Johnston, Daniel B. Albright, David E. Klopp, and William H. H. Snyder; and Elders Owen L. Schreiber and William Keller.

Minutes of General Synod.—Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Joseph G. Shoemaker, and Nathaniel Z. Snyder; and Elders J. David Miller and George Meyer.

Overtures.—Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., and Hiram King; and Elders George J. Weaver and Henry Snyder.

Correspondence with Sister Churches.—Rev. Isaac K. Loos, J. Casper Bucher, D. D., and Alfred B. Shenkle; and Elders William Brownback and Noah Ritter.

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. John G. Noss, John O. Johnson, and Daniel C. Tobias; and Elders William H. Seibert and Franklin Schnader.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Lucian J. Mayer, and Calvin S. Gerhard; and Elders Daniel W. Gross and Samuel Bomberger.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., John Beck, D. D.; and David O. Shoemaker; and Elders Thomas H. Becker and Isaac McHose.

Theological Seminary.—Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, Jacob Kehm, and Thomas C. Porter, D. D., and Elders Owen Romig and Daniel Small.

Missions.—Rev. James Crawford, Cyrus H. Reiter, and Conrad Clever; and Elders Charles Denues and William Siegfried.

Finance.—Elders Isaac McHose, Daniel W. Gross, Frederick H. Stouffer, and Daniel Helm; and Rev. Harry M. Kieffer and Zwingli A. Yearick.

Nominations.—Rev. William H. Groh, Thomas C. Leinbach, and Samuel Kuhn; and Elders Abraham Schwenk and Benjamin Bomboy.

Publication.—Rev. Martin A. Smith, Jonathan E. Heister, and William W. Clouser; and Elders John B. Roth and Charles W. E. Seigel.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen and Tohickon were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

2. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3. The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, was received. The former report was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance.

4. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication, the Report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Hausfreund," and a communication from Edward J. Zahm, in relation to the publication of the "Mercersburg Review," were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

5. The Minutes of the last Triennial Sessions of the General Synod, were received and referred to the Committee on that subject.

6. The Minutes of the last Annual Sessions of the "German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania" were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

7. Sundry other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Sessions was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted their report. It was received, taken up item after item, amended, and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod report the following items as claiming the attention of Synod:

Item 1, Page 12. The appointment of delegates to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Item 2, Page 20. A request to the General Synod to add a column to the Statistical Tables for Adult Baptisms.

Item 3, Page 30. The attention of Classes directed to our institutions of learning, in relation to securing bequests for them.

Item 4, Page 30. The reiteration of the request of Synod to Classes and individuals, who are in arrears on Tutorship bonds, in regard to the payment of said bonds.

Item 5, Page 30. The renewal of the request of Synod to the Classis of Philadelphia, in regard to the payment of its Tutorship bond.

Item 6, Page 31. The request of Synod to Classes in regard to making efforts to increase the number of Students for the Ministry, and to enlarge the contributions to Beneficiary Education.

Item 7, Page 33. Instruction to the authorities of the Theological Seminary to publish a General Register of the Institution.

Item 8, Page 35. The appointment of a Committee to superintend the Celebration of the Semi-Centennial of the founding of the Seminary.

Item 9, Page 35. The Faculty of the Theological Seminary appointed to procure the Manuscripts of the late Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, reported progress, and was continued.

Item 10, Page 44. Assessments on the Classes for the reimbursement of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund.

Item 11, Page 49. Instructions to the Treasurer of Synod, in reference to the arrearages on Contingent Fund due by the Classes of Mercersburg, North Carolina, Philadelphia, and German Philadelphia.

Item 12, Page 49. Instructions to the Stated Clerk in regard to the publication of the Minutes of the last Annual Sessions.

Item 13, Page 51. Request of Synod to the Classes to number the pages of their Minutes, and to indicate the subjects on the margin of each page.

Item 14, Page 53. The appointment of a Committee to report a series of topics on Sunday Schools, to be discussed at this Synod, with instructions to publish the same three months previous to the meeting of Synod.

Item 15, Page 54. Directions of Synod to the Board of Publication to appoint a committee to prepare a series of Lesson Papers for the use of Sunday Schools.

Item 16, Page 54. The attention of Classes directed to the importance of Sunday School Work.

Item 17, Page 62. Injunction to Classes in regard to taking up collections for Publication purposes.

Item 18, Page 63. Direction to the Committee to prepare a selection of Hymns, in regard to omitting some hymns, and substituting others in their place.

Item 19, Page 65. The appointment of a Committee to co-operate with a similar Committee from the Synod of the Potomac, in preparing and publishing an edition of the Hymns with Music.

Item 20, Page 70. The continuation of the Committee on boundary lines between the District Synods.

Item 21, Page 73. The request of Synod to the Classes to carry

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The Committee on Overtures respectfully report the following documents as having been placed in their hands:

1. A communication from five members of the St. Peter's church in White Deer Township, Union Co., in reference to the action of their ministry in suspending them from the communion of the Church.

2. A letter from Rev. Dr. Dietrich Willers, in which he informs the Synod, that he was not able to attend to the duty assigned him by Synod in reference to presiding at the organization of the German Synod.

3. A letter from Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Santee, Corresponding Secretary of the Synod of the Potomac, in reference to the "Topics for our Sunday School Lessons."

4. A communication from the American Peace Society commending their agent.

D. W. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XVII., "Complaints;" on item 2, see Article XX., "Church Government;" on item 3, see Article XVIII., "Sunday Schools;" and on item 4, see Article XXI., "Miscellaneous."

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following report was received from the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches beg leave to report:

That the only document placed in their hands is a copy of the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, together with the credentials of the delegate from that body, the Rev. D. H. Geissinger, who is with us today, bearing the fraternal greetings of the Ministerium to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from the delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and adopted:

Your delegate appointed to the Lutheran Ministerium would respectfully report:

That he attended the Convention of the Reverend Ministerium assembled in Norristown, Penna., and that, in conveying the fraternal greetings of the Reformed Church, he met with the kindest treatment and found his sentiments most heartily reciprocated.

Humbly submitted.

C. Z. WEISER.

Rev. Jonathan E. Hiester was chosen delegate *primarius*, and Rev. William M. Reily, delegate *secundus*, to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

The delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Rev. David H. Geissinger, availed himself of the opportunity, on the reception of the report of the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, to address the Synod. He dwelt on his personal relations, as well as on those of the body he represented, to this Synod. His kind sentiments were cordially reciprocated in a brief reply by the President of Synod.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully report as follows:—

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Tohickon, Lebanon, and Goshenhoppen Classes omit in their Minutes the official calls of their special meetings.

2. Tohickon Classis received the Licentiate, Robert C. Weaver, without naming the Classis from which he was received.

3. The Stated Clerk of the Goshenhoppen Classis fails to indicate the actions of Classis on the margin of the Minutes.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The Classis of Philadelphia refers for consideration to this Synod the declared growing tendency, by judicatories higher than the consistory, to interfere with vacant congregations.

2. The Classis of Goshenhoppen calls the attention of this Synod to the declared neglect of duty and want of Christian courtesy by the officers of East Pennsylvania Classis in failing to respond to the former's notice to order the immediate withdrawal of the Rev. J. Sassaman Herman from the Oley and New Jerusalem congregations.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

1. Rev. Alfred B. Shenkle appeals to Synod from the action of the Classis of Lancaster in suspending Rev. John V. Eckert from the ministry.

2. Mr. Jacob Snyder, on behalf of certain petitioners, complains to Synod against the action of the Classis of East Susquehanna, in refusing to reconsider its former action dividing the Berrysburg charge.

3. Rev. Maximilian Frankel appeals to Synod against the action of East Susquehanna Classis, in deposing him from the ministry and suspending him from church membership.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. All the Classes took favorable action on the several matters referred to them at the last annual meeting of Synod, except the Classis of Philadelphia, which failed to act upon Synod's injunction to the Classes to request their pastors and consistories to take up collections for Publication purposes.

2. The Classis of Philadelphia appointed a committee of three to collect funds to liquidate the amount due the Theological Seminary, in response to Synod's direction.

V. LICENSURES, ORDINATIONS, DISMISSIONS, AND RECEPTIONS.

1. The Classis of East Pennsylvania licensed Robert C. Weaver and dismissed him to Tohickon Classis.

2. The Classis of Lebanon licensed James I. Good and Henry T. Spangler; dismissed the Licentiate James I. Good to Zion's Classis, the Licentiate Henry T. Spangler to Miami Classis, the Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker to West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. Julius Fuendeling to East Susquehanna Classis; and received Rev. E. D. Miller from Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. Aaron H. Leisse from Zion's Classis, and Rev. John W. Steinmetz from East Susquehanna Classis.

3. The Classis of Philadelphia licensed John H. Sechler, Uriah Weidner, and F. F. Christine; ordained the Licentiates Josiah D. Deatrick, Joseph H. Hunsberger, and John H. Sechler; dismissed Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs to the Classis of Lancaster; and received Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe from the Classis of Miami, Rev. Franklin K. Levan from the Classis of Allegheny, and the Licentiate William F. Lichliter.

4. The Classis of Lancaster dismissed Rev. Calvin U. Heilman to the Classis of Somerset; licensed William F. Lichliter, and dismissed him to the Classis of Philadelphia; dismissed St. John's congregation to the German Classis of Philadelphia, and Rev. Joseph Hannabery to the Classis of Allegheny; received Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs from the Classis of Philadelphia, and suspended Rev. John V. Eckert from the ministry.

5. The Classis of East Susquehanna received Rev. David O. Shoemaker from the Classis of Clarion, Rev. Cyrus H. Reiter from the Classis of West Susquehanna, Rev. Isaac E. Graeff from St. Paul's Classis, Rev. Julius Fuendeling from the Classis of Lebanon, and Li-

centiate Jacob B. Kerschner from the Goshenhoppen Classis, and ordained him; dismissed Rev. John W. Steinmetz to the Classis of Lebanon; and deposed Rev. Maxamilian Frankel from the ministry.

6. West Susquehanna Classis dismissed Rev. Cyrus H. Reiter to the Classis of East Susquehanna; licensed Zwingli A. Yearick; ordained the licentiates Willoughby Donat, Henry D. Darbaker, and J. F. Delong; and received Rev. James Crawford from Zion's Classis, Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker from Lebanon Classis, and Licentiate John W. Pontious from St. Paul's Classis.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Jacob B. Kerschner and dismissed him to the Classis of East Susquehanna.

8. Tohickon Classis ordained Licentiates William H. Bates and James G. Dengler; and received Licentiate Robert C. Weaver from the East Pennsylvania Classis, and Rev. J. J. Roesch from New York Classis.

VI. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The Classis of East Pennsylvania will meet at Millerstown, Lehigh Co., Pa., at 2 P. M., May 16th, 1876. Rev. A. B. Koplin, *President;* Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk.*

2. The Classis of Lebanon will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., at 8 P. M., Wednesday, June 7th, 1876. Rev. John P. Stein, *President;* Rev. John O. Johnson, *Stated Clerk.*

3. The Classis of Philadelphia will meet in Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, at 7.30 P. M., Friday, May 19th, 1876. Rev. William C. Hendrickson, *President;* Rev. John G. Noss, *Stated Clerk.*

4. The Classis of Lancaster will meet in New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., at 7.30 P. M., Thursday, June 8th, 1876. Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, *President;* Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk.*

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy charge, Northumberland Co., Pa., at 8 P. M., Thursday, June 1st, 1876. Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, *President;* Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, *Stated Clerk.*

6. The Classis of West Susquehanna will meet in Jacksonville, Centre Co., Pa., at 7.30 P. M., Wednesday, May 18th, 1876; Rev. William H. Groh, *President;* Rev. Wm. H. Haas, *Stated Clerk.*

7. The Classis of Goshenhoppen will meet in New Goshenhoppen Church, Montgomery Co., Pa., at 2 P. M., Friday, June 2d, 1876. Rev. Augustus L. Dechant, *President;* Rev. Lucian J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk.*

8. The Classis of Tohickon will meet in Richland Town, Buck

t 7.30 P. M., Thursday, June 15th, 1876. Rev. Franklin *President;* Rev. Tilghman O. Stem, *Stated Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. NOSS,
J. O. JOHNSON,
D. C. TOBIAS,
WM. H. SEIBERT, } *Committee.*

action of Synod on the Irregularities, Requests and Re-tions, and Appeals reported, see Article XVI., Appeals ences; and on the Complaint reported, see Article XVII., s.

aining items of the report were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

MINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

than C. Shaeffer made application for licensure. He was the Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination. mittee submitted the following report:

mmittee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination beg ep rt:

e only candidate referred to us for examination is Nathan er, a professor in Franklin and Marshall College. It af-leasure to say, that his examination was satisfactory, and we, recommend that he be licensed to preach the gospel accord-provisions of the Constitution of the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

N. S. STRASSBURGER,
C. S. GERHARD,
L. J. MAYER,
GEO. Z. KUNKEL, } *Committee.*

port was received and adopted, and the officers of Synod ucted to furnish him with a certificate of licensure, after he l the formula prescribed by the Constitution of the Church. so placed under the care of the Classis of Lancaster.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

lowing Report was received from the Committee on Religion ls, and adopted:

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among us. Several of the charges have over one thousand members, two report nine hundred, two over eight hundred, two seven hundred, a number over six hundred, six over five hundred, and so gradually decreasing. The smallest number in any charge is one hundred and sixty-four, and that is a charge of but one congregation." This state of things is a matter of regret among our ministers and many of our people, and the good work of dividing old charges and of forming new ones, so as to supply our congregations more frequently with the means of grace, is going steadily forward. It would probably progress more rapidly, if the increase in the ranks of the ministry were greater. We need more laborers, and our prayers should ascend, that God would put it into the hearts of many of the young men of our Church to forsake all things and follow Christ in the ministry.

In close connection with the evil of large pastoral charges, we must mention also the loose relation in which for a long time our congregations stood to their Classes and Synod. To a large extent it was one of indifference, or, as in some instances, of suspicion, if not of actual hostility. Outside of the congregation, our ministers were not regarded as shepherds and fathers, but as a class of persons who needed to be watched, lest they should bring the people into some imaginary subjection, and deprive them of their rights. This state of things, owing to the increased social intercourse of minister and people in pastoral visitations and to other causes, is happily passing away, and the efforts of Synod and Classes to build up and strengthen our congregations now meet with a more general and ready response than formerly. Our people are coming to understand better the nature of church government and church authority when exercised in the spirit of the gospel. Not only are the decisions of higher judicatories more respected, but their requests better heeded. There is here, of course, room for further improvement; but it is gratifying to see, that our people are better able to understand and appreciate our excellent form of church government than formerly. In many directions the spirit of independency is waning, and a better form of church life is taking its place. It is also gratifying to notice, that where congregations are apprehended thus by the general life of the Church, there piety increases and good works abound.

The Goshenhoppen Classis says in reference to this point, "that a deeper and clearer consciousness of church-fellowship is ripening, we come to notice from year to year. The time in which every separate congregation believed itself to be independent from the Church at large, is closing. A feeling is rendering itself dominant, that to be congregational exclusively is not to be Reformed, and, in so far, unhappy. We bless God for rooting up the upas of independency. Wo will fall on him, who plants it again in an unsuspecting people!"

Less than a half century ago, little or nothing was given by our people for the support of the gospel outside of their particular congregations. In many places efforts to induce them to give of their substance in this way were resisted as something unreasonable and uncalled-

[illegible] faithful ministers suffered persecution for [illegible] general benevolence. Missions and ot[illegible] of the Church, therefore, languished, and [illegible] for the redemption of Israel in sadn[illegible] of covetousness seemed to be our besetting [illegible] as were the plans initiated for the p[illegible] they failed for the want of means to carry th[illegible] we suffer greatly from this blight. Our me[illegible] coming up to the full measure of their duty a[illegible] respect. As a body we are far from having fu[illegible] is more blessed to give than to receive. We have [illegible] to realize that we, and of course all we have, belo[illegible] Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Yet it would be v[illegible] to acknowledge and here to record with grate[illegible] increasing liberality of our people from year [illegible] respect there is progress. There are now, we app[illegible] few of our congregations that do not give son[illegible] spread of Christ's kingdom on earth, and the gifts th[illegible] of the Church are increasing. Large individual gi[illegible] to be reported. We refer to the Kieffer, Keller, a[illegible] to the Seminary, amounting to $20,000, and the g[illegible] Mr Lewis Audenried of $35,000 to the college. [illegible] believe, that these are only forerunners of other li[illegible] Church in the future. There are many of our membe[illegible] they commit their souls to God in death, might, in the [illegible] testament, and should also consecrate a part of the [illegible] to the honor of God and the spread of His kin[illegible] Church of their fathers. In no other way could they a[illegible] more good with the means with which God has endow[illegible] thus laying what they received from Him on His alt[illegible] improved in building up the waste places of Zion, when th[illegible] their fathers. Such gifts stimulate others to go a[illegible] and diffuse a fragrance around the memory of the donor [illegible] for all time to come.

[illegible] Classis reports encouraging prospects in this d[illegible] says: "That the grace of benevolence is being learn[illegible] if slowly, still cheeringly, we rejoice to tell. Th[illegible] our Lord, it is more blessed to give than to receive, [illegible] in a number of good hearts. Of one such soul [illegible] of four thousand dollars has been harvested." Other liber[illegible] kind have been probably made, although not reporte[illegible] encouraging; but our main reliance as a Church must b[illegible] contributions of our people, given according to the[illegible] This kind of alms-giving, however, is far from being as un[illegible] it should be, and many efforts should be made to induce a[illegible] members, young and old, to do in this respect what they ca[illegible] this is once accomplished a new era will dawn in our belove[illegible] Missions, education, publications, the cause of the widow

and orphans, and other benevolent objects will receive a new impulse, and the hearts of many will be made to rejoice.

From the beginning of our history as a denomination in this country, the catechising of the youth and their preparation for confirmation were, as a general thing, faithfully attended to. This kind of instruction from week to week, in all the charges, was a bright feature in what appears to us now as a dark background. Much time and attention was paid to this duty by our fathers. They were, in these respects, in advance of us. It was a good foundation on which they built, so that when they ceased from their labors, their sons had only to carry forward and upward the work which they had already commenced. But the progress of time brought along with it a more intelligent use and application of this means of advancing the increase of our membership and their progress in piety. The Heidelberg Catechism is now better understood and appreciated than it ever was. Its history has been studied and its superior excellence brought into the light of noon-day. Such books as the *History and Genius of the Heidelberg Catechism* and the *Tercentenary Monument*, which is a monument truly to the honor of the catechism, have done much to exalt this admirable form of sound words in the affections of the people. It is believed, that it is now more effective in leading our people generally to a true knowledge of what is their only comfort in life and death. Both the books just referred to ought to be found in every family belonging to the Church.

It is scarcely necessary for us here to say, that catechization is not pursued as a mere didactic exercise. This is a dangerous abuse. Some of the Classes complain, that catechization and confirmation are regarded still too much as a matter of form and custom. But their reports show, that our ministers are active and sensitive to the evil coming in from this quarter. The Catechism itself gives the correct view of its own proper work and mission. It teaches the catechumen, how many things it is necessary to know in order that he may live and die happy, in real possession of the comforts and consolations of the gospel. The piety thus cultivated, encouraged, and promoted is best calculated to endure, and, like a tree planted by the river of waters, to bring forth its fruit in its season. Where, on the other hand, it derives its vitality from our emotional nature, without the support of systematic instruction, it is not so. It is then like all emotions, fitful, uncertain, and not prepared to bear the fiery trials of faith, which must come upon all alike in this world of sin. If it is the duty of every builder to take heed how he builds, it is believed that our Church in this respect is building on the right foundation.

The question of education is one that has long engaged the attention of the Church. With our fathers there was no difficulty. They had their parochial schools, and imperfect as they were, they exerted a direct influence in the religious training of the young. But these have passed away, and a different order of things has become an established fact, which is not without its benefits. It is a question whether pa-

rochial schools can be restored to any considerable extent in this altered state of things, however desirable that might be in itself considered. Under these circumstances the Church has done what it could. It has conserved the idea of a truly Christian nurture in the institutions under its care, and in doing so, it has satisfied in part the Christian feeling of the Church, that education and religion should go hand in hand, or rather that Christianity should be the guide and director of all mental as well as moral and spiritual training of the young. In the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, and in the institutions here at Lancaster, there are regularly organized congregations, both of which are represented by their elders here in this Synod. This is something, and our people may be assured that in sending their children to the Church schools, they place them also under the influence of the gospel, and that whilst they are growing in knowledge, they have an opportunity to grow also in grace and in the faith of their fathers.

In the absence of parochial schools, Sunday-schools meet an urgent want in the religious instruction of the young. An increased interest is manifested by our ministers and Church members to make them more efficient instrumentalities in the service of Christ and His Church. They have received an impulse from the discussions at Synod and Classis in regard to them, and they now stand in closer union with the life of the congregation. With such helps, the order of the Christian life can be still maintained without any break—out of the family into the school, out of the school into the Church, out of the Church into heaven.

In former times, when our fathers still breathed the faith of the Fatherland, church festivals were held in high esteem. They served to invigorate the ordinary preaching of the gospel, and were occasions of wide-spread rejoicing or penitential sorrow in the churches. They supplemented both Catechism and Creed. But there was a period of decline, when they began to be regarded as mere fossils of a bygone age without form or comeliness. At present they have once more made their appearance among us invested with new interest and power. They are celebrated again with much fervor and devotion in nearly all of our churches, and according to the reports which come up to us from all quarters, their influence everywhere is healthful and inspiring. It could not in fact be otherwise; for if faith requires that we believe in all the articles of our catholic, undoubted Christian faith, the leading Church festivals, which celebrate and commemorate, in fitting and becoming ways, the facts embodied in these articles, cannot be without a blessed influence in perfecting and strengthening true faith in believers.

These remarks are confirmed by the Classical reports, as well as by the church news in our own weekly periodicals. The Lebanon Classis, also large enough to be a Synod, in its report, says, that "many of our pastors report large additions during the Easter season to their membership by the rite of confirmation. This season may especially be

regarded as the revival season in our Reformed Zion, which, however, is not of a spasmodic character, but, as we believe, of a healthy growth, the result of our catechetical training of the young, which through the past year has been faithfully performed by the different pastors." No doubt other Classes might have made similar reports.

A true revival, in the Scriptural sense of the term, implies previous self-humiliation and penitence before God. It is only as we cry out of the depths unto God for mercy and help, that God can reveal Himself to us, shed down upon us the light of His countenance like the rays of the morning sun, or refresh the parched soil of our hearts with the genial dews and refreshing rains of divine grace. The period of refreshing and revival from the presence of the Lord during the Easter season, will, therefore, depend very much on a due improvement of the period that precedes it, which reminds us of the passion of our divine Lord, and calls us back in penitential sorrow for past sins, and to an earnest effort to rise to a higher stadium in the divine life. During this time scores of our youth are in a state of preparation for confirmation at Easter or Whitsuntide, and it seems most meet and proper, that the churches then especially should be much engaged in prayer for God's presence, that our youth may truly and in their hearts receive the blessing of confirmation, that backsliders may be reclaimed, and that church members generally may receive new strength to serve their divine Lord and Master through the circling year.

The reports from all the Classes refer to the due and faithful administration of the sacraments. In regard to these central institutions of the Christian religion, our Church has never lost its faith or veneration. There were times, in days gone by, when they were in danger of being shorn of their true power and meaning. They were doubtless sometimes attended to in seasons of spiritual decline as mere traditional customs; and no doubt there are many cases now, in which they are regarded as mere outward forms; but it is believed, that the time of this ignorance is passing by. Never were the sacraments held in higher esteem than at the present time. Infant Baptism is generally regarded, not only as involving a solemn responsibility on the part of parents, but as a blessing to them and their families, from the chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls. The communions, especially in the Spring, are reported as largely attended; in many cases, the number of communicants is the largest ever reported in the history of the single congregations. From this we may infer, that the number of nominal members in our churches is decreasing. So it must be in proportion as the congregations are animated with new life, and the light of the sanctuary burns brightly amidst the darkness of the surrounding world.

Other points indicative of prosperity or decline might be noted, but those to which we have referred must suffice for the present. Order, peace, and prosperity prevail in the churches as a general thing. The strife of former years, we may hope, is passing away, and

The Committee on Religious Services respectfully report the following appointments:

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH.

Friday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart.
Saturday Evening.—Preparatory services. Sermon by Rev. Dr. John Beck.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Morning.—Communion Services. Sermon by Rev. George H. Johnston.
Evening.—Sermon by Rev. John M. Titzel.
Sunday School Addresses.—Rev. James Crawford, and Rev. Isaac K. Loos, and Dr. Charles H. Leinbach, a short German Address.

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH.

Morning.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. George W. Aughinbaugh.
Evening.—Sermon by Rev. John H. Sechler.
Addresses to the Sunday School.—Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger and Elder Jacob M. Follmer.

ST. JOHN'S GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH.

Morning.—Sermon by Rev. Moritz Noll.
Evening.—Sermon by Rev. Daniel F. Brendle.

ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH.

Morning.—Sermon by Rev. William H. H. Snyder.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Morning.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger.
Evening—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Johnston.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Morning.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. John Beck.
Evening.—Sermon by Rev. George W. Snyder.

ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Morning.—Sermon by Rev. A. B. Koplin.
Evening.—Sermon by Rev. William G. Engle.

LUTHERAN CHURCH AT MILLERSVILLE.

Afternoon.—Sermon by Rev. William G. Engle.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Morning.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Porter.
Evening.—Sermon by Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Morning.—Sermon by Rev. Harry M. Kieffer.
Evening.—Sermon by Rev. John O. Johnson.

MORAVIAN CHURCH.

Morning.—Sermon by Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler.
Evening.—Sermon by Rev. Samuel Kuhn.
Address to the Sunday School.—Rev. John K. Millet.

DUKE STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Evening.—Sermon by Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier.

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Evening—Sermon by Rev. Jonathan E. Heister.

EAST CHESTNUT FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning.—Sermon by Rev. A. S. Stouffer.

Respecfully submitted.

J. W. NEVIN,
A. H. KREMER,
JOS. B. SHUMAKER,
C. F. MCCAULLEY,
J. B. ROTH,
C. W. E. SIEGEL,
} *Committee.*

The several religious services were observed as appointed by the Committee.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a.) Report of Board of Trustees.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren: The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary held two meetings during the current Synodical year.

ts first meeting the Board organized by electing Daniel W. *President*, William J. Baer, *Vice-President*, Edward J. Zahm, ry, and John B. Roth, *Treasurer*.

have not yet secured our agent to canvass the Church in be- the Seminary, but believe we will very soon obtain one who vote himself to the work. The financial condition of the y is slowly improving, and the prospects for our agent's success tainly better now than one year ago.

semi-centennial offerings have amounted, thus far, to about not as much as we should have received, but we trust the es will yet take steps to carry out the plan proposed and con- ly enlarge this fund.

information in regard to the various funds in our hands, we re- to our Treasurer's report, accompanying this paper, which will xplain our financial condition.

Respecfully submitted.

DANIEL W. GROSS, *President*.
EDWD. J. ZAHM, *Secretary*.
JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.

following are the statements from the Treasurer referred to in egoing report:

B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary the Reformed Church in the United States.*

			DR.
To interest rec'd on Loan			$ 2 13
" on Note of G. B. Dechant to Jan. 1, 1874			75 00
" on Bond of E. Susq. Classis to Jan. 1, 1875			30 00
" on Wm. J. Baer's Bond to Jan. 10, 1875			400 00
" on Loan			12 00
" on G. W. Schroyer's Bond to Feb. 8, 1875			105 00
" on W. L. Harbaugh's " " 13, 1875			18 00
" on G. S. Griffith's Bond to Jan. 1, 1875			30 00
" on W. E. Schmertz's Bond to Jan. 1, 1875			30 00
" on E. J. Zahm's Bond to April 1, 1875			117 52
" on Geo. Carbaugh's Bond to Oct. 1, 1874			60 00
" on Geo. Sarbaugh's Bond on ac't			95 00
" on Mrs. Umstead's Bond to Apr. 1, 1875			15 00
" on Horst's Bond to Apr. 1, 1875			116 00
" on ac't of A. B. Wingerd			137 34
" on Kieffer Legacy to Apr. 1, 1875	$285 00		
" on Cook Legacy to Apr. 1, 1875	39 81		
" from G. W. Hensel, Treas. of Synod	30 00		
			354 81
" on Bond of Mercersburg Classis to July 1, 1875			60 00
" on W. K. Zieber's Bond			10 00
" on A. B. Wingerd's Bond to Apr. 1, 1875			75 41
" on Loan			10 12
" on W. Susq. Classis' Bond on ac't			4 50
Carried over,			$1,757 83

	Amount brought forward	$3,588 30
...nt paid	Foose & Stirk's bill	12 50
"	T. G. Apple on ac't	200 00
"	F. Gast on ac't	100 00
"	E. V. Gerhart's salary to Oct. 1, 1874	175 00
"	Steimman's bill	27 23
"	Flinn & Breneman's bill	5 00
"	Int. on Klopp Legacy to Oct. 1, 1875	40 00
"	T. G. Apple's salary to Oct. 1, 1875	125 00
"	McComsey & Co.'s bill	93 63
"	F. A. Gast's salary to Oct. 1, 1875	100 00
"	Treasurer's salary to date	100 00
"	E. V. Gerhart, repairs	50
		$4,67 16

...Treasurer Oct. 28, 1875, is $990 56

...gned Auditing Committee report the Treasurer's accounts cor-

GEO. Z. KUNKEL,
EDW. J. ZAHM.

...1875.

B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Building Fund.*

DR.

...amount Funds in hand per Report		$9,186 47	
...interest rec'd on Investments		440 43	
...amount rec'd on 1st Agency Notes from Oct., 1874, to Oct. 26, 1875	$698 39		
...amount rec'd on 2d Agency's Notes during same time	582 00		
CR.	$1,280 39		
...y amount paid Rev. J. W. Steinmetz	85 00	1,195 39	
...tal amount of Building Fund		$10,822 29	

B. ROTH, *Treas., in account with Pittsburgh Prof. Fund.*

DR.

...o amount reported in hand	$1,271 59
" interest on same to date	76 49
" payment made on same account to date	15 50
Total amount of Fund	$1,363 58

Statement of Endowment Fund.

To amount reported to Board	$63,149 96
" " rec'd Principal of Plainfield Bond	50 00
" " " same Centennial offerings	926 97
1875, Total of Endowment Fund	$64,126 93

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treas., In account with Library Fund of Theological Seminary.*

DR.

1874.		
Oct. 1,	For amount balance in hand per Report	$160 02
" 2,	" Interest to Oct. 1, 1874, from A. B. Wingerd	25 06
1875.		
May 12,	" " Apr. 1, 1875, " "	24 59
Oct. 11,	" " Oct. 1, 1875, " "	26 58
" 25,	" " " " " E. J. Zahm	15 00
		$251 25

CR.

1874.			
Dec. 8,	By amount paid Jas. F. Downey's bill	$ 6 65	
1875.			
Jan. 13,	" " " Inquirer printing bill	4 75	
" 13,	" " " Gable & Co.'s bill Heater	114 00	
Feb. 8,	" " " Griffith's bill	2 70	
Mar. 1,	" " " F. W. Christern's bill	12 90	
" 13,	" " " Griffith's bill	4 00	
" 31,	" " " Inquirer printing bill	14 87	
May 5,	" " " Pilger Buchhandling's bill	9 08	
" 8,	" " " Rev. F. A. Gast, postage, etc	1 36	
July 6,	" " " Everts & Stewart, Map	12 00	
Sept. 1,	" " " W. A. Leary, Jr.'s, bill	1 50	
" 1,	" " " F. W. Christern's bill	1 95	
			185 76
Oct. 26, 1875,	Balance in hands of Treasurer		$65 49

Examined and found correct.

OCTOBER 28th, 1875. GEO. Z. KUNKEL, EDW. J. ZAHM, } *Committee.*

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treas., in account with Smaltz Fund.*

DR.

1874.		
Oct. 1,	For amount balance due per Report	$164 39
Nov. 6,	Interest from Jos. Showalter to Oct. 1, 1874	30 00
1875.		
Jan. 2,	" " A. W. Russell to Oct. 1, 1874	120 00
Apr. 3,	" " " to Apr. 1, 1875	120 00
" 6,	" " Jos. Showalter to Apr. 1, 1875	30 00
" 16,	" " rec'd on Loan	40 00
" 23,	" " " "	20 00
Oct. 18,	" " Jos. Showalter to Oct. 1, 1875	30 00
		$554 39

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1874.		
Oct. 7,	By amount paid order No. 1	$40 00
Dec. 1,	" " No. 2	50 00
" 1,	" " No. 3	25 00
" 19,	" " No. 4	25 00
	Carried forward	$140 00

1875.		Amount brought forward.....	$140 00	$554 39
Feb. 4,	By amount paid order	No. 5.....	75 00	
" 6,	" "	No. 6.....	25 00	
" 26,	" "	No. 7.....	25 00	
Mar. 30,	" "	No. 8.....	50 00	
Apr. 3,	" "	No. 9.....	50 00	
May 13,	" "	No. 10.....	35 00	
Sep. 23,	" "	No. 11.....	40 00	
" 27,	" "	No. 12.....	30 00	470 00
Oct. 26, 1875, Balance in hands of Treasurer.....				$84 39

Examined and found correct.

OCTOBER 28th, 1875. GEO. Z. KUNKEL, EDW. J. ZAHM } *Committee.*

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b.) Report of the Board of Visitors.

To the Rev'd Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Respected Brethren—The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary beg leave respectfully to present to your honorable body the following as their annual report:

During the past year the whole number of students on the roll of the Seminary was thirty-four—10 in the Senior, 12 in the Middle, and 12 in the Junior Class.

The following persons were admitted to the Junior Class at the opening of the year, September, 1874: A. Revallin Bartholomew, Tilghman R. Dietz, Henry Keller, B. S. Metger, Conrad Nagle, M. H. Mishler, J. Alvin Reber, C. W. E. Siegel, Isaac S. Stahr, and Monroe P. Zeller—ten in all—of these four are graduates of the College. Four were admitted to the partial course prescribed for them by the faculty.

The Senior Class, consisting of John C. Bowman, S. R. Bridenbaugh, David N. Dittmar, Geo. Calvin Hall, Jacob B. Kerschner, Wm. F. Lichliter, John W. Pontious, Anthony Shulenberger, and Zwingli A. Yearick, nine in all having completed their studies, received the usual Certificate of Dismission and Recommendation for Licensure. They are all College graduates except one, and were all assisted by the Church during the prosecution of their studies. They have been licensed, and are nearly all engaged in the active duties of the ministry.

Mr. Jacob A. Gerhard, of the Middle Class, was removed by death during the year. His studies had been interrupted at various times, both in the College and the Seminary, by ill-health. He, however, persevered in the presence of many discouragements, and had the prospect of surmounting at length the difficulties in his way and of entering the ministry, when Providence ordered that it should be otherwise. His desire to labor in the ministry seemed to grow stronger and more

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›rted by particular Classes or congregations, and are not here ted. If arrangements could be made by which they could also cluded in the annual report of this Board, a better idea could be ›d of what the three Synods represented in the Board are ac- ›lishing in this particular department of Christian effort. It is a ct that is worthy of their attention,

r further information in regard to the finances of the Board we the Synod to the Treasurer's Report.

ie officers of the Board are the same as those reported last year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT OF TREASURER.

d of Education of the Reformed Church in the United States in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

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›alance in Treasury Oct. 20th, 1874		$339 36
ash received from the Classis of Lebanon		123 25
"	Philadelphia	46 31
"	West Susquehanna	395 20
"	Tohickon	262 35
"	Goshenhoppen	15 00
"	Maryland	125 56
"	German, Philadelphia	15 00
"	A. D. & C. S.	7 00
"	In'st on Klopp Legacy	40 00
"	Dividends in Harrisb'g Bank	27 00
"	Interest Publication Board	128 33
rest allowed by Treasurer on balance		27 00
		$1,551 36

DR.

ash paid beneficiaries Lebanon Classis.	$123 25	
West Susquehanna	419 39	
Tohickon	215 00	
Maryland	87 00	
German Philadelphia	15 00	
Expenses	3 25	
Interest on note	60 00	
›nce in Treasury	628 47	$1,551 36

hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account by ›hers, and find it correct, showing a balance in the Treasury of 8.47.

›ov. 8th, 1875. A. H. KREMER.

pure as he approached the termination of his course
Seminary. His death was a loss to the Church, an
mony a comfort to all who knew him. He died in
Gospel.

One of the students of the Seminary was unable
opening of the year for want of funds, and was unde
pursuing his studies privately in connection with
teaching. Another felt it to be his duty to give up, at
ent, the idea of preparing for the ministry, on acco
and has entered another profession. It is believed t
ing health, he will yet see his way clear to return
Two other students withdrew from the Seminary soo
ing of the year, one to pursue his studies elsewhere,
engage in a secular calling, for which, however, the
his reasons were satisfactory. The names of th
stricken from the roll of students.

From the report of the different professors, we
dents, who were in attendance during the year, w
studies, and that their conduct as Christians and
office of the holy ministry has been satisfactory.
both students and professors have been faithful in t
duties, and that the Seminary has been in a soun
dition, satisfactory evidence of which was given i
the close of the year.

The year just closed has been another prosper
of our School of the Prophets, in which we see
guiding presence of Him, who sits in the midst
candle-sticks, and guides His Church by His
ook back and contemplate the feeble beginnings
founded by our fathers fifty years ago at Carli
varying fortunes, its difficulties and trials
meagre means of support during the greater
now behold its prosperous career in the Chur
its resources gradually increased and its fa
forth from year to year workmen that
we deem it eminently proper here and at th
our sense of the goodness and mercy of God
us as a Church. Raising our Ebenezer of
courage and go forward in the work commi
erto the Lord hath helped us.

As a Board of Education, we report th
beneficiaries under our care. Of these, o
and is now in the ministry. The amount
including balance of last year, was $1
balance in the Treasury, $628.47; about
toward paying a note given by the Boar

This report, of course, does not by any
what the Church is doing for this cause.

as guided the Seminary safely through many and varied difficulties, from its small and feeble beginning, to its present prosperous condition, and that we have been enabled under such favorable circumstances to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding.

Respectfully submitted.

T. F. HOFFMEIER,
J. KEHM,
T. C. PORTER,
OWEN ROMIG,
D. SMALL.
} *Committee.*

In connection with the action of Synod on the first resolution contained in the above report, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Alumni of the Theological Seminary, and all the ministers of this Synod be requested to use their utmost endeavors to raise the sum of $10,000, as a Semi-Centennial offering for the Theological Seminary, between this time and the close of the year 1876.

Resolved, That the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac be earnestly requested to aid us in securing this amount.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.

The entire Board of last year was continued, namely, Daniel W. Gross, George B. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, James Cushwa, Edward J. Zahm, Charles Santee, John Heilman, Owen L. Schreiber, William A. Wilt, John B. Roth, George W. Hensel, William H. Seibert, David B. Mauger, William J. Baer, Thomas J. Craig, William E. Schmertz, Frederick H. Stauffer, and Aaron G. Renninger.

Board of Visitors.

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., Amos H. Kremer, D.D., Daniel Y. Heisler, Charles H. Leinbach, D.D., Samuel G. Wagner, Charles F. McCauley, D.D., Theodore Appel, D.D., Jacob O. Miller, D.D., William K. Zeiber, D.D., John M. Titzel, John Beck, D.D., and George B. Russell, D.D.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The committee to whom was entrusted by the Synod of last year, the general management of the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Theological Seminary, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Rev. Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Brethren:—Your committee to whom was entrusted the general management of the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the founding of our Theological Seminary, respectfully report,

That, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, they prepared and had printed 500 circulars, 350 in English, and 150 in German, and on the 28th of January last, addressed one to each of the ministers and consistories of the *four* Synods, viz: the Synod of the United States, the Synod of the Potomac, the Synod of Pittsburg, and the German Synod, those Synods being more especially interested in this mother institution of the Reformed Church in this country.

With the recommendations contained in this circular, the members of Synod are familiar. Hence their repetition in this report is not deemed necessary.

In pursuance of Synod's action, at its last annual sessions, your committee have also arranged, that the contemplated celebration be opened in the Chapel of the St. Stephen's Church, on Friday morning, the 5th instant, at 10 o'clock, with an address, on *The External History of the Seminary*, by Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., and in the P. M. of the same day at 3 o'clock, and in the same place, an address on the *Internal History of the Institution*, by Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. Kremer,
John S. Stahr,
L. K. Evans,
Elder Jacob Roath,
Elder Geo. Heilman,
} *Committee.*

Bill of Expenses.

Printing of 500 circulars and postage	$10 78
Rev. L. K. Evans, traveling expenses from Pottstown to Lancaster, and return	3 90
Elder Jacob Roath, traveling expenses from Maytown to Lancaster, and return	1 50
	$16 18

To this committee was referred a communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Synod of the Potomac, in which he communicates the action of that Synod, accepting the invitation of this Synod to unite with it in the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Theological Seminary, and recommending as many of its members to attend, as can make it convenient to do so.

The same committee was instructed to take charge of and conduct the exercises connected with the proposed Semi-Centennial Celebration. In reference to this part of their duty, the committee submitted the following report:

The committee of arrangements on the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Theological Seminary, respectfully report:

That, in accordance with previous arrangement already reported to

the Celebration was observed in St. Stephen's Church, in
ng order:
ices were opened on Friday at 10 o'clock, A. M., by Rev.
itzel.
by Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., on External History of
ary.
prayer by Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Santee, and benediction by
G. Fritchey.
fternoon at 3 o'clock the services were opened by Rev. Dr.
Miller.
by Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., on the Internal History
itution.
prayer by Rev. John McConnell, and benediction by Rev.
ber Bucher.
unication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Poto-
referred to this committee, expresses the cordial sympathy
aren of said Synod, with the contemplated Semi-Centennial
at Lancaster, and instructs as many of their body as
convenient to be present to participate in the solemnities.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. KREMER, *Chairman*.

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wing resolution was adopted:
, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to
Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., and the Rev. Thomas G. Apple,
their able, eloquent, and highly interesting addresses on
n of the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the founding of
gical Seminary.

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wing preamble and resolution were adopted:
, The Rev. Frederick A. Gast, Professor in our Theologi-
ry, receives only $800 per year as salary, and whereas, that
nadequate to his proper support, and not a just compensa-
labor performed, therefore,
, That the Treasurer of Synod be and hereby is instructed
Rev. Frederick A. Gast, the sum of two hundred dollars
rent year, as additional to what he now rece ves from the
Trustees, and that said amount be apportioned among the
sses within the bounds of this Synod, and that the Synod
gh and the Potomac be overtured to raise each one hun-
s for this same object.

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iorities of the Theological Se inary, who were instructed
d at its last annual sessions, to publish a General Register
tution, reported, that they attended to the duty assigned
ublished the Register as directed.

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ilty of the Theological Seminary who had been continued

by the Synod of last year, as a committee to procure the manuscripts of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on the Harbaugh Manuscripts present the following report:

We have endeavored to get all the Manuscripts of Dr. Harbaugh into our possession; but since the last extended report on this matter, submitted two or three years ago, we have not succeeded in making any further discovery. As regards publication, nothing has occurred to change the judgment which was then expressed.

The only thing in our opinion which remains to be done, is to have these manuscripts bound into volumes, that they may be preserved in the Seminary Library, and be accessible for reference. We propose, therefore, that Synod instruct the Seminary Faculty to arrange the papers, and have them bound during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The following paper was received from the Board of Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

WHEREAS, the several Synods, under whose authority the Board of Missions is operating, meet this year in General Convention, and this opportunity is offered to bring the subject of Missions to very general attention during their sessions, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Board, respectfully request the several Synods fully to consider the following facts:

First. That we owe our Missionaries the sum of $5,500,00, and need $9,500,00, for meeting current expenses, in carrying forward the work during the year.

Second. That the Board having resolved to borrow no more money on the one hand, and the salaries of our Missionaries being at best small, and the cold weather at the door, on the other hand, it is of the greatest account that immediate measures be taken to meet our dues in this respect; all moneys paid in of course to be credited to respective charges.

Resolved, That the Synods are severally requested to set apart some time during their sessions, to take counsel together on this matter, so vital to the interests of the Reformed Church.

By order of the Board.

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Rec. Sec.*

Harrisburg, *October* 5th, 1875.

The following report of the Superintendent of Missions, addressed to the three Synods, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—The following Missions have been under the care of your Board of Missions during the Synodical year just closed:

Synod in the United States.

Catasauqua, Pa. Rev. A. B. Koplin, pastor. Has a very valuable property, and is making progress, both internally and externally. Its debt, however, weighs upon it. Unless East Pennsylvania Classis can either largely relieve this or strengthen the charge by the addition of a good congregation, the present appropriation of the Board will have to be reduced at a very slow rate. Prospects otherwise good, and the pastor's labors successful. App. $700—till January 1st. Undetermined beyond that time. German and English.

Reading, Pa. Christ Church. Served by Rev. J. Fuendeling for ten months of the year. Since then by Rev. R. Kunz. For several months during the Summer the affairs of this congregation were unsettled; in good condition now. By having the parochial school cease and a small family on the part of the new pastor, we have been enabled to reduce the appropriation from $700 to $350, for the year. Prospects promising. German.

St. John's. Became vacant last March. Supplied during the Summer. Oct. 1st, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz takes charge. Appropriation for the first year $400. Expected to be shortly self-supporting. German and English.

Philadelphia, Pa. St. Stephen's. Rev. A. Romich, pastor. An old Mission. About maintains its own from year to year. The dear brother who serves it as pastor has of late been much afflicted, having been laid low with fever himself and having buried a child. Appropriation, old $225; new $200. This latter for six months.

St. John's. Rev. J. G. Noss, pastor. Growing. Our only English congregation in West Philadelphia with a population of 70,000. Good property. Small debt. Appropriation $400—continued.

Wyoming, Del. Supplied part of the year. Since August, under the pastoral care of Rev. W. F. Lichliter. This mission is central for our future efforts to build up the Reformed Church in the State of Delaware, whither many of our people are moving. A very substantial beginning has here been made. Appropriation $300.—English.

Harrisburg, Pa. Second Church. Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor. This mission has gone forward without very material change. It has lost some good members by removal, owing to hard times, and it has gained others by its inner activity and growth. It has built an addi-

tion to its church for Sunday School purposes, and has a flourishing school. Appropriation $300, continued. English.

Zwingli. Rev. M. Noll, pastor. Maintains its own, and would grow in better times. Its inner condition seems to be gaining in permanent character. Appropriation $300, old; new $225. German.

Columbia, Pa. Rev. C. Clever, pastor. Prosperous. Appropriation, old $200; new $150. English.

Hazelton, Pa. Emanuel's. Rev. I. E. Graeff, pastor. Part of the year vacant. Latterly served by Rev. I. E. Graeff, as pastor. Has been changed from German to German and English, as our first Church in the town is entirely German. Many East Pennsylvania people live here, who need service in both languages. Appropriation $100.

Overton, Pa. Rev. J. H. Schlappig, pastor. Reports progress. A northern frontier mission of our Church. Appropriation $75, continued. English and German.

Liverpool, Pa. Rev. W. Donat, pastor. Improving; so that the appropriation could be reduced since July 1st, from $150 to $80. English and German.

Lykens, Pa. Rev. J. Kretzing, pastor. Since July self-supporting by its connection with two other congregations. The late appropriation was $350. English and German.

South Bethlehem, Pa. Rev. N. Z. Snyder, pastor. Will be a self-supporting charge, in connection with other congregations from October 1st. Prosperous. Late appropriation $200. English and German.

Pittsburgh Synod.

Kittanning, Pa. Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, pastor. Quite prosperous. Will soon be self-supporting. Appropriation $300,—until June, 1875, since then $225. English.

Meadville, Pa. Rev. D. D. Leberman, pastor. Two congregations, one in town and one in the country. Doing well. An old mission. Appropriation $150; now discontinued. English and German.

Titusville, Pa. The late pastor, owing to well-known difficulties of the congregation, left with the close of last December. Vacant since. Should form a charge in connection with Corry and Union City. In its present condition, it is next to impossible to run it as a mission. The late appropriation was $300. German and English.

Cumberland, Md. Rev. F. R. Schwedes, pastor. Doing well. A number of serious obstacles have been removed or relieved during the year. Church building improved, and painted. A new point begun in connection with it at Keyser City. Appropriation $400; continued. German.

Pittsburgh, Pa. St. Paul's. Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus, pastor. Growing, though slowly. Labors under considerable debt. Building repainted. Pastor hopeful in his work. Appropriation, old $300; new $200. German.

James'. Rev. C. Borchers, pastor. Gaining every way in ıaracter. Located amid a large German population. Appro-ı, old $225; new $200. German.

Luke's. Rev. P. F. Schulke, pastor. New mission; hard Pastor moderately successful; labored earnestly. Now vacant. priation $200. German.

ity. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, pastor. Has been from the first a ıing mission. Appropriation, old $400; new $300, condi- English.

's Rev. G. B. Russell, D.D., pastor. A thrifty young interest. ff some of its debt; down to $1000. Had some trouble, and l from it to some extent. Has stood up for order. Appro-ı, old $400; new $300, conditional. English.

use the word *conditional* in reference to the new appropriation ıity and Zion's, because the Superintendent of Missions is in-d to effect such arrangements with them as may be to their n interest, and mutually satisfactory.

delphia, W. Va. Until July vacant. Since then under the l care of Rev. Louis Miller. A small interest, not likely to be lf-supporting. Appropriation $150. German.

dale, Pa. Supplied part of the year by Rev. Prof. Lucian Since August under the pastoral care of Rev. W. C. B. berger. Doing well. Expects to have other congregations with it so as to form a good charge before very long. Appro-ı $300. English.

etia, W. Va. Rev. A. Kern, pastor. This is a pioneer con-on, in the wilderness. Prospering. Another point has lately lded by the pastor. Appropriation $100; continued. German.

ıalo, N. Y. Salem's. Rev. C. Kuss, pastor. Placed by the n Synod of the East, under the care of its own Board, since y, 1875. Appropriation $300. German.

Synod of the Potomac.

cannon, Pa. Under the pastoral care of Rev. H. Wissler, August. Vacant now. Has a good field for growth in the Appropriation, old $400; new $300. English and German.

hington, D. C. Rev. M. Trieber, pastor. The congregation ınected with the German Maryland Classis, and has ceased to er our care since July 1st. Appropriation $300. German.

imore, Md. Emanuel's. Rev. J. C. Hauser, pastor. Placed German Synod of the East, under the care of its own Board, anuary, 1875. Appropriation $300. German.

chester, Va. Rev. C. G. Fisher, pastor. Making progress lly and externally. Appropriation, old $350; new $300. h.

Francisco, Cal. Rev. J. H. Krueger, pastor. No particular ı during the year. Holds fairly its own. Appropriation, old new $250. German.

Stockton, Cal. Rev. J. Müllhaupt, pastor. A prosperous mission from the beginning. Since January, 1875, self-supporting. Late appropriation $80. German.

Napa, Cal. Rev. F. Fox, pastor. Doing well. Missionary encouraged, and doing some service beyond the bounds of his charge. Appropriation, old $440; new $330. English and German.

Portland, Oregon. Rev. J. Gantenbein, pastor. Mission new. Fifty members gathered. No property yet. Missionary feels encouraged, and hopeful. Appropriation $600. German.

New Missions.

A number of applications for the establishment of new Missions have come before us; the most of them from prominent places. In each case some preparatory work has been done.

Washington, D. C. An English interest. The membership has been visited, and found anxious for an organization. The Board has instructed the Superintendent of Missions to bring this interest before our liberal-hearted people; and as soon as he has secured the promise of a sufficient sum to support a pastor for the year, to cause the Mission to be organized. A good beginning could be made here in the nation's capitol.

Allentown, Pa. Salem's. A good chapel built and paid for. Sunday School organized. No pastor yet. A very promising interest.

Easton, Pa. Grace. New organization. Will build a chapel yet this season. A good subscription for it. No pastor yet. Promising every way. English and German.

Landsdale, Pa. Regular services have been begun here with the view of organizing a Reformed congregation. Can be connected with neighboring congregations. English and German.

Wilkesbarre, Pa. A large inland city, with many of our people in it; yet no Reformed congregation. Have taken steps toward an organization, and expect to go forward. Can begin with a good nucleus. Left in hands of the Superintendent. Appropriation $400. English.

Lock Haven, Pa. A congregation was organized here last winter. Rev. J. W. Pontious, took charge about July. The place is important; an outpost between the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods; and a good congregation there would tell directly upon the interests of both. The beginning so far looks well, and the young brother in charge feels encouraged. Appropriation $500. English.

Shenandoah City, Pa. Lately taken under the care of the Board. Congregation doing quite well under the charge of Rev. E. D. Miller. The corner-stone for a new church has been laid. The pastor serves also some country congregations. Appropriation $200. English and German.

Expenses.

[illegible] to study the expenditure required during the past [illegible] do the work of Missions in these three Synods, and the [illegible] cost for the next year on the basis of our present general [illegible] must be distinctly borne in mind, that during the year [illegible] present, our Board *received* simply the Mission work as [illegible] Synods and Classes had shaped it during preceding years. [illegible] carried forward what was given it ready to hand and on [illegible] It is true, it declined a few old Missions, and carried a [illegible] of the rest only from four to six or nine months; and thus, [illegible] had its expenses *under* the figure of actual cost of all during [illegible] whole year. Yet the expense account of our Treasurer last [illegible], 1874, stood:

[illegible] paid out	$8,295 00
[illegible] unpaid	4,000 00
Total cost of the Missions to the Board	$12,295 00

During the second year, now closing, the Board, had its own way [illegible] large extent. It had itself relieved of some of the old Missions, [illegible] the appropriations of a few and carried for part of the year [illegible] Missions, Salem's, Buffalo, N. Y., and that at Lock Haven, [illegible] during the whole year, St. Luke's, Pittsburgh. Now the total [illegible] of the Board amount to $11,000—which is $1300 less than [illegible] before. The cost of carrying forward our Mission work for [illegible] coming year is estimated, as will be seen below, at $9500—in-[illegible] new Missions, to the extent that they will affect us during [illegible] course of the year. This will be $1500 less than our expenses [illegible] the past year, and near $3000 less than when we got the Missions. [illegible] a statement of our income this year and our actual indebted-[illegible], we refer to the Treasurer's report.

We congratulate the Synods and the Church on the following [illegible] apparently secured in the way of positive, permanent progress.

1. The Board has come to have something like the proper control, [illegible] all the Missions under its care, and in the organization of new [illegible], it is consulted, and the general cause is allowed consideration.

2. Missions can now be retired and old appropriations reduced to [illegible] effect; and this without injuring any one, while saving a large [illegible] to the Treasury. Time and labor and system have brought this about.

3. We are rapidly coming to have a fair proportion of new Missions, [illegible] in large towns and cities, and calculated to inspire enlarged [illegible] and interest in the Church at large.

4. Nearly all the Classes in the three Synods are now actively co-[illegible] with the Board, and apportionments are cheerfully and [illegible] made for the cause. The meetings of the several Classes [illegible] Spring showed a marked improvement in this respect over those of the Spring before.

The following Classes wit

East Susquehanna Classis.....
Philadelphia.....
Tohickon.....

Total.....

There has been no change in
the past year. Owing to the very
hem, on the several Classes within
sum of $355, due the Treasurer
me at the time of making my las
hausted, and a small balance of $
There is also a portion of the i
has not yet been paid, but which i
anticipation of this, I have advance
nary Fund, which shows a balance
All of which is

QUARRYVILLE, Nov. 2d, 1875.

The undersigned, a Committee ap
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salary, publish the English and German Minutes of this Synod, our assessment of expenses of General Synod, the salary of Stated Clerk, translating of minutes into German, &c., &c.

To meet the above sum we have made the following assessments on the different Classes, viz:

East Pennsylvania		$240 00
Lebanon		240 00
Goshenhoppen		110 00
Tohickon		110 00
Lancaster		167 00
East Susquehanna		186 00
West "		124 00
Philadelphia		162 00
		$1,339 00
Arrearages due by East Susquehanna Classis	$30	
" Philadelphia "	25	
" Tohickon "	15	70 00
		$1,409 00

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC MCHOSE,
D. W. GROSS,
H. M. KIEFFER,
Z. A. YEARICK,
FREDK. H. STAUFFER,
} *Committee.*

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the following accounts to the persons named:

Rev. Elnathan E. Higbee, Chairman of the committee to prepare a selection of Hymns to be appended to the "Order of Worship," traveling expenses of members of the Committee, $22.

Rev. Amos H. Kremer, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Theological Seminary, expenses incurred by the committee, $16,18.

An election was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod. Revs. Walter E. Krebs, John P. Stein, and Elds. John H. Shaak and Griffin Rote were appointed Tellers who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the President of Synod. The election resulted in the choice of George H. Small, Esq., of Harrisburg, Pa.

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of the amount to be raised by this Synod, among the following Classes:

East Pennsylvania	$1,800 00
Lebanon	1,800 00
Philadelphia	500 00
Goshenhoppen	850 00
Tohickon	850 00
East Susquehanna	1,100 00
West Susquehanna	750 00
Lancaster	850 00
Total	$8,500 00

The Board has done its work faithfully. The Church has responded liberally. The Missionaries with self-denial are bearing the burden of the work. To these faithful brethren be given our sympathies, prayers and helping hand. The times are hard, and there is great danger that our Missionaries may be forgotten.

In conclusion, we recommend:

1. That Monday evening, November 8th, be set apart by Synod for the consideration of the subject of Missions.

2. That the elders of each congregation be requested to take a special personal interest in this subject.

3. That each Classis urge upon its ministers to hold Missionary Festivals during the year in their Sunday Schools and congregations, in order to increase the Missionary spirit among the people, and to raise the funds.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES CRAWFORD, *Chairman.*
C. H. REITER,
C. CLEVER.

The Committee on Missions was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for holding the Missionary Anniversary, as proposed by them. The Anniversary was held at the time fixed upon. The services were opened with singing and prayer, by the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Johnston. Addresses were then delivered by the Rev. Drs. Charles F. McCauley, Thomas C. Porter, Clement Z. Weiser, and Thomas G. Apple, the first three on Home Missions, and the latter on Foreign Missions.

The following resolutions were adopted in connection with the action of Synod, on the report of the Committee on Missions:

Resolved, That the several pastors of this Synod be requested to read the resolutions appended to the report of the Committee on Missions, to their people from the pulpit.

Resolved, That in view of the urgent needs of the Board of Mis-

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The large sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) is.
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Respectfully submitt
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Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 6th, 1875.

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The Committee on Missions, to whom the f
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The Committee on Missions respectfu
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Synod of the Potomac.....

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That the Rev. Alfred B. Shenkle, who was not recognized by said John V. Eckert as his counsel, appeals from the action of Classis to this Synod as an *individual*, according to the record, and not as the attorney of the suspended person. Mr. Eckert, having publicly renounced his relations to the Classis, neither appealed nor authorized the Rev. Alfred B. Shenkle to appeal in his behalf. And whilst the Rev. Alfred B. Shenkle had a right as a member of Classis, to complain against any action of the Classis, he had no right to appeal in such case. Your committee, therefore, report, that they find the appeal not in order.

C. F. McCauley,
S. Aug. Leinbach,
Daniel Small.
} *Committee.*

The Rev. Maximilian Frankel, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, appealed from the action of the Classis of East Susquehanna, deposing him from the ministry and suspending him from Church-membership. The appeal was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Drs. Thomas G. Apple and John Beck, and Elder William H. Seibert. This committee reported. Their report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to report on the appeal of Rev. Maximilian Frankel, submit the following:

We have examined the Minutes of the East Susquehanna Classis and find that the appeal is in order. The President of the Classis has notified us, that the appellant lodged with him his reasons for the appeal within the time required by the Constitution.

We, therefore, recommend that Synod fix a time to hear the appeal, and after the following order:

1. The papers relating to the case shall be read, including the evidence presented in the trial,
2. The appellant shall be allowed a half hour to present his case.
3. The Classis, through its representatives, shall have three quarters of an hour to speak.
4. The appellant shall have fifteen minutes to close.
5. After this the Synod shall proceed at once to vote.

Respectfully submitted.

Thos. G. Apple,
John Beck,
W. H. Seibert,
} *Committee.*

The taking up of the appeal was made the order of the day for Tuesday morning session, immediately after the election assigned to 10 o'clock of that morning, is held. At the time appointed, the appeal was taken up. The President of the Synod, being a member of the East Susquehanna Classis, vacated the chair, and the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart presided in his place during the hearing of the appeal.

WHEREAS, This Synod continues to regard this work in its modern Reformed aspects as justly deserving the sympathy and cordial support of all the members of the Church, and,

WHEREAS, Several Classes have, already, in the prosecution of their religious work, established and with good results carried forward Classical Sunday School Conventions; Therefore

Resolved, 1, That, for the better promotion of this cause in its various details throughout our Church, this Synod earnestly recommends the organization of Reformed Classical Sunday School Conventions to all the Classes within their bounds that have not yet moved in this matter.

Resolved, 2, That all the pastors of this Synod be requested to read this action to their congregations.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read and referred to the Committee on Publication, except so much as relates to filling the vacancy occurring in the Board, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The report is as follows:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Board of Publication respectfully submits its annual report as follows:

The Board held its regular quarterly meetings during the year with one exception, when a quorum failed to be present; and also one special meeting in November last. The usual business engaged attention, and the interests entrusted to the Board were carefully looked after.

The year has been one of unusual depression in all business circles, and in none more so, than in those engaged in the publication and sale of books and periodicals. This depression the Board has been made to feel with much severity. At times, it seemed almost impossible to keep business afloat, especially during the last five or six months of the year. Not only has more or less support been withdrawn from our periodicals, mainly under the plea of necessity, but the orders for books also have been considerably diminished; and much difficulty has likewise been experienced in collecting monies due the establishment. Though bills have been frequently sent out, yet they received only a limited response.

The special meeting of the Board was held as soon as possible after the adjournment of the sessions of the last annual Synod. At it, considerable time and attention was devoted to the several subjects, which were specially referred to it by the Synod.

In reference to the "Messenger," the Board took action discon-

Music and Hymns."—Rev. L. Kryder Evans, *Primarius;* rius W. Gerhard, *Alternate.*

Children's Church Services."—Rev. William C. Hendrickson, *us;* Rev. Samuel Kuhn, *Alternate.*

hat the brethren to open the discussions be limited to fifteen , and all others to five minutes.

Respectfully submitted.

D. E. Klopp,
G. H. Johnston,
Committee.

e time appointed, the proposed discussion took place. The on on the first topic was introduced by Rev. John O. John- at on the second, by Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier; that on the y Rev. James Crawford; that on the fourth, by Rev. Dr. a W. Kremer, and that on the fifth, by Rev Darius W. Ger- In each case these addresses were followed by remarks from ethren present. The discussion of the last topic was omitted, quence of the absence of the persons appointed to introduce it.

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nmunication, received from the Corresponding Secretary of the f the Potomac, was reported by the Committee on Overtures, in e transmits the action of that Synod, soliciting the co-operation Synod and the Synod of Pittsburgh with that Synod, in "pre- Manual, giving a concise, practical and popular account of eral idea and scheme of the Christian Church year, with a detailed statement of the significance of the separate days and and the logical order of thought contained therein." The ication was referred to a committee consisting of the Revs. B. Albright, William H. H. Snyder, Alvin S. Zerbe, and El- mes Koons and Jacob R. Hilbush. This committee reported. eport was received, amended, and then adopted. The report, ted, is as follows:

committee to whom was referred the action of the Potomac n reference to the proposed Manual, respectfully report,

they have considered the document referred to them, and in all circumstances propose the following action:

lved, That this Synod deems it inexpedient at this time to with the request of the Potomac Synod.

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following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

REAS, The Reformed Church has for three and a half centuries l the Sunday School work in its catechetical form, and be- especial care and attention upon the Christian nurture and g of its baptized membership, and

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General Assets.....		$54,991.16
Add Real Estate.....		35,000.00
Total amount of Assets.....		$89.991.16
General Liabilities.....	$29,212.28	
Mortgage on Real Estate.....	20,000.00	
	$49,212.28	49,212.28
Excess of Assets.....		$40,778.88

nces of the Treasurer, Oct. 1st, 1874,	$11,203.91	
" " 1875,	14,268.87	
Increase in advances.....		$3,064.96

s will be seen, the indebtedness of the Board is largely made up lvances by the Treasurer. These have been increasing from year ar, especially since the commencement of the present money of the country, so that they have become too burdensome to be e by him any longer.

e respectfully asks, that he may not only be relieved from adding e burden, but also indemnified for the past, and have returned to as soon as possible, so much at least as may be needed to relieve ersonal obligations to individuals. It is impossible for him, or ther one, to carry forward successfully, even a most important est of the Church, requiring a considerable amount of capital, in bsence of such capital, which the Church promised to furnish, which promise it has failed to redeem. Even the measure for diate relief, adopted by the last annual Synod, though heartily nded to by a few, which act on their part was duly appreciated, egated only $991.12. Other denominations generally amply sus- their Publication interests by annual collections, large donations legacies, and a general hearty co-operation, aware of their great rtance to the general interests of the Church.

crisis has been reached, superinduced, it is true, in great mea- by the pressure of the times, which requires something effectual e promptly done to prevent unpleasant and undesirable results. hoped the Synod will find itself equal to it, and meet it manfully successfully.

rty-eight thousand six hundred and fifty copies of books, pam- ts, including the English and German editions of the Almanac, have been printed during the year. No new books have been d to the Board's catalogue of publications.

e Board has, for some time past, observed with anxiety the ten- y to disintegration evinced in regard to the different interests of

[illegible] Church, and especially those involved in its publication open[illegible] [illegible] and deeply deplored its presence, as highly prejudicial to the [illegible] permanent growth and prosperity. At the last meeting, this [illegible] was taken into consideration, and especially as it involved the necessity of adopting some measures looking to the increase of the [illegible] of the *Messenger*, and adding to its efficiency as a Church [illegible] after a free interchange of views, the following resolution [illegible] adopted:

[illegible] That this Board commend to the earnest attention of [illegible] the propriety as well as necessity of taking measures to con[illegible] the energies of the Synods of Pittsburgh, the Potomac [illegible] United States upon the Church paper, so as to sustain it [illegible] such as the exigencies of the [illegible] which shall also be the accredited organ of these [illegible]

[illegible] That with a view to secure this object, the Board recom[illegible] which an arrangement by which the three Synods [illegible] editor-in-chief and also three assistant edi[illegible] each Synod.

[illegible] That [illegible] recommended to Synod to take mea[illegible] the Publication Board so changed, that [illegible] consisted of seven members, three to [illegible] United States, two by the Synod of [illegible] Synod of the Potomac.

[illegible] This Board earnestly presses upon the attention of [illegible] necessity of taking immediate and efficient mea[illegible] the Board a sufficient working capital, according to [illegible] at its annual sessions held in Lancaster, [illegible] such as the Synods of Pittsburgh and the [illegible] part of the Synod at the time the action [illegible] be respectfully solicited to co-operate [illegible]

[illegible] That, in compliance with wishes expressed in quarter[illegible] Board submits to Synod the question whether [illegible] shall resume the publication of the *Mercers*-[illegible]

[illegible] was instructed to forward a copy of the above action [illegible] Pittsburgh and the Potomac, accompanied with a [illegible] the financial condition of the Board.

[illegible] service of George Gelbach as a Trustee of the Board [illegible] first of January next. The Board nominated as suita[illegible] from whom to choose one to fill the vacancy, George Gel[illegible] Augustus L. Kaub, both of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *President*.

[illegible] K. FISHER, *Secretary*.

following report was received from the Chairman of the com- to superintend the publication of the *Hausfreund*, and referred Committee on Publication:

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened Lancaster, Pa:

VEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The undersigned, Chair- f the Committee on the *Hausfreund*, would respectfully report llowing with respect to said paper:

Hausfreund has, as heretofore, visited its patrons every two . The number of subscribers amounts to twenty-one hundred. ree of debt, and has paid, moreover, to the St. John's mission in ng the sum of $100 Unpaid subscriptions amount to $1500. still edited by Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., assisted by a ittee appointed by the four Classes in East Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted.

E. W. REINECKE, *Chairman of Committee.*

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communication was received from Edward J. Zahm, by whom *ercersburg Review* has been published during the past year, and ed to the Committee on Publication.

Committee on Publication, to whom the foregoing documents referred, submitted their report. It was received, taken up by item, amended, and adopted. The report as adopted is as s:

Committee on Publication begs leave to report as follows: has received the following papers:

1. *The Annual Report of the Board of Publication.*

m this we learn, that during the year the Board has held three r quarterly meetings and one special meeting. The continu- of the pressure in business matters has not failed to embarrass the l in the past as in the former year. The Publication interests of hurch seem to have reached such a crisis, that they can no longer rried forward without aid from some quarter. Especially is it ynod to devise some plan, by which to relieve the Treasurer of the l from the pecuniary obligations, which he has personally assumed half of the Board.

e *Reformed Church Messenger* has been changed from the six- page form to a folio sheet, and the subscription price reduced to sh in advance. Notwithstanding—owing largely, no doubt, to ontinued stringency in money matters—there has been a small de- in the subscription list. The publication of the *Guardian* has been ued, and it has been made the vehicle of publishing the Lesson s ordered by Synod at its last annual meeting. These papers

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2. *Resolved*, That, in order to relieve the financial embarrassment of the Board, as well as to secure a working capital for its future operations, an agent be appointed to secure the necessary funds, and that the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac be requested to take measures to raise money within their bounds for this object.

3. *Resolved*, That the publication of the *Mercersburg Review* be again resumed by the Board of Publication, and that an Editor be appointed by Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the discontinuance of the publication of the *Sonnerhirte* be left to the judgment of the Board of Publication.

5. *Resolved*, That all persons who know themselves to be indebted to the Board, either for periodicals or on book accounts, be urged by every consideration immediately to pay their dues, so as to help in some way to relieve the Board from its present embarrassments.

6. *Resolved*, That all our pastors, as well as the consistories of our charges, be urged to exert themselves to secure an increased circulation of our Church periodicals, and, if possible, place one or the other of them in every family.

Respectfully submitted.

M. A. Smith,
J. E. Hiester,
Wm. W. Clouser,
C. W. E. Siegel,
John B. Roth,
} *Committee.*

The scheme submitted by the Board of Publication with a view to concentrate the energies of the three Synods named upon the support of one Church paper, &c., was adopted. It was further

Resolved, That a committee of seven persons be appointed to confer with the committees appointed by the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac, with plenary powers to act with them on the matters contemplated in their appointment, including the election of an Editor-in-Chief for the joint paper.

Rev. Drs. Emanuel V. Gerhart and Thomas C. Porter and Elder Daniel W. Gross, were appointed a committee to propose the names of fourteen persons, from whom to elect the proposed committee of conference. This committee reported. Their report was received and adopted. Rev. John O. Johnson, Jonathan E. Hiester, and William M. Reily, and Elder Daniel W. Gross, were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the President. Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bausman, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Dr. Charles H. Leinbach, John W. Steinmetz, Darius W. Gerhard, and Elders William H. Seibert, and Isaac Riegel were chosen the committee of conference. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to act in conjunction with committees appointed by the Synods of the Potomac and of Pittsburgh, on measures relating to the establishment of a new Church paper, which may be conducted jointly by the three Synods, respectfully report:

That they attended the sessions of the joint committees, and after due consideration it was concluded, that the only duty before the joint committees consisted in the election of an editor in chief for the new periodical. They joined in the election of said editor, which resulted in the election of Dr. Peter S. Davis. The election of a Synodical editor rests with the district Synods.

In making this announcement of the election of Dr. Peter S. Davis, the committee of the three Synods wish us to express the sense of the long and faithful services of Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, and their desire to join in any minute of your Reverend body in this regard.

B. Bausman,
T. G. Apple,
C. H. Leinbach,
J. W. Steinmetz,
D. W. Gerhard,
W. H. Seibert,
I. Riegel.

In reference to the second item in the report of the Committee on Publication, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Synod be instructed to effect a loan of $5,000, to be paid to the Board of Publication under its proposed modified form, as soon as the Board is thus organized, and that an efficient agent be placed in the field immediately, to collect the money to repay this loan.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized to employ an agent to collect the money needed to replace the $5,000, to be borrowed for the use of the Publication Board, as well as for the purposes named in the resolution of the Committee.

The third item in the report of the Committee on Publication, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. George H. Johnston, Dr. Theodore Appel, and Elder Horatio Jones. This committee reported. Their report was received and adopted. The action adopting it was, however, subsequently reconsidered, when it was amended, and again adopted. The report as amended is as follows:

The committee appointed to report a minute expressing the sense of this Synod, touching the continuation of the "Mercersburg Review," submit the following:

1.) *Resolved*, That the Synod hereby acknowledges the efficient and unrequited services of the editors and publisher of the "Review," during the last year.

2.) *Resolved*, That the Church needs such a Theological Quarterly (an organ) as the "Mercersburg Review," and that this Synod

rtily commends it to the support of the ministry and laity of the rch, soliciting special effort to increase its circulation.

.) *Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be instructed to as- e and publish the "Mercersburg Review," and to arrange with Editor in regard to compensation.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

In reference to the fourth item in the report of the Committee on lication, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to discon- e the publication of the "Lämmerhirte," and requested to hand r the list of subscribers to the German Buch-Verein, Cleveland, io.

The Board of Publication was instructed to publish the addresses livered by the Rev. Drs. Clement Z. Weiser and Thomas G. Apple, the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the founding of the Theologi- l Seminary, in the Mercersburg Review, and to have copies of it inted therefrom, in separate pamphlet form, for more general circu- ion.

The Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, asked Synod to furnish him indemni- ation against all losses on account of capital invested, monies ad- nced, and monies borrowed for the use of the Board of Publication, its Superintendent and Treasurer. The following resolution was opted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Board of Publication be and reby are requested and authorized to give the Superintendent and asurer of the Board, the Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, such indemnifi- ion against losses on account of his claims upon, and obligations in half of the Board, as shall be satisfactory to him.

The committee appointed to prepare a collection of Hymns to be pended to the "Order of Worship" continued by the Synod of last ar with instructions, submitted the following report, which was re- ived and adopted:

The Hymn Committee met and took into consideration the objec- ions made to several hymns, and rejected those hymns regarded as ost objectionable, and inserted others in their place.

Respectfully submitted.

E. E. HIGBEE, *Chairman.*

Expenses incurred in attending such extra meeting as follows: . Beck, $7, and Dr. E. E. Higbee, $15. Total, $22.

The committee appointed to co-operate with a similar con of the Synod of the Potomac in preparing an edition of the with Music, submitted the following report, which was receive

The committee appointed to co-operate with a committee Synod of the Potomac in preparing an edition of the new Book with music, beg leave to report:

That a meeting of the joint committees was held in July, a cersburg, when, after considerable discussion, a plan was adopt work assigned for a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. GAST, *Chair*

The report was adopted, and the committee continued, af Rev. Walter E. Krebs had been substituted in the place of th John S. Stahr. The committee, as now constituted, cons the Revs. Frederick A. Gast, Walter E. Krebs, and Elder b J. Zahm.

The Stated Clerk of Synod reported, that he had complied w instructions of Synod in regard to the publication and distribu the Minutes of the last annual sessions of Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to seventeen hundred copies of the proceedings of this Synod, d thenticated —twelve hundred in the English and five hund the German language, and distributed among those entitled to them.

George Gelbach was elected to fill the vacancy occurring Board of Publication on the first day of January next.

Daniel W. Gross, George Gelbach, and George W. Hense elected members of the Board of Publication on the part of this as this Board is proposed to be organized under the control Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The committee continued by the Synod of last year to dete in conjunction with similar committees from the Synods of Pitts

l the Potomac, more definitely the boundary lines between this Synod l the Synods named, submitted the joint report of the commit- s of two of the Synods, in which it was also stated, the Synod of ttsburgh, though not represented by a committee in framing the ort, has since concurred. The report was received and adopted, d is as follows:

The committees appointed by the Synod of the Potomac and the nod of the United States, to determine more definitely the boundaries the Eastern district Synods (the Synod of Pittsburgh included, al- ough it did not appoint a committee to co-operate with the other mittees), held a joint meeting in the study of Rev. Dr. Amos H. remer, in Lancaster, Pa., on the 13th of May, 1874, at which were sent four members, viz.: three of the committee of the Synod in the ited States, and one of the Synod of the Potomac. At this meet- g no definite action was taken.

On August 19th, 1875, a meeting was called in the Lecture-Room the First Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., at which time only ree members were present, viz.: two of the Synod of the Potomac, d the Chairman of the committee of the Synod in the United States. he following report was agreed upon and afterwards adopted by the o committees, which we herewith respectfully present for your nsideration:

The Synod of the United States shall comprise all the territory em- aced by the New England States, New Jersey and Delaware. All e territory of Pennsylvania East of the Susquehanna River as far North the mouth of the Juniata; North of the Juniata River Westward far as the boundary line of Huntingdon County, and East of the stern boundaries of the Counties of Huntingdon, Clearfield, Cam- ron and McKean. All the territory of New-York East of the East- n boundaries of the Counties of Chemung, Schuyler, Seneca and Vayne to Lake Ontario.

The Synod of the Potomac shall comprise all the territory of Penn- ylvania West of the Susquehanna River and South of the Juniata, Westward as far as the boundary line of Huntingdon County, with he Counties of Huntingdon, Blair and Bedford on the West; all the erritory of Maryland East of the Eastern boundary of Allegheny County; all the territory embraced by the States of Virginia, West Virginia, East of the Allegheny Mountains, North Carolina and the District of Columbia; with the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, California and Oregon as missionary grounds.

CHAS. H. LEINBACH,
A. H. KREMER,
JOHN BECK,
EDW. J. ZAHM,
} *Committee Synod in the U. S.*

JOHN A. PETERS,
J. P. HASSLER,
} *Committee Synod of Potomac.*

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Diedrich Willers, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, in which he stated his inability, for reasons assigned, to preside at the organization of the Eastern German Synod, and expressed his attachment to this Synod, and deep interest in her prosperity. He was excused for non-compliance with the appointment of Synod, and his kind sentiments were heartily reciprocated.

Rev. Henry A. Keyser and William F. Lichliter and Elder Abraham Wagner were appointed a committee to confer with the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac, in reference to the time of holding their annual sessions so as to prevent them occurring at the same time.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A communication received from the American Peace Society was reported by the Committee on Overtures, and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Drs. Thomas G. Apple and Edwin H. Nevin, and Elder J. David Miller. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the American Peace Society, respectfully report,

That we hereby express our sympathy with the object had in view by the American Peace Society, which accords with the song of the Angels, "Peace on Earth," and that we unite our prayers with theirs that the time may come when wars shall cease among the nations, and universal peace prevail. T. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to furnish the American Peace Society with a copy of the above minute.

The following communication was received from the Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., and referred to a committee consisting of the Revs. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Jared Fritzinger, and Dr. Charles H. Leinbach, and Elders Richard Geist and Henry Weisel.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to convene in Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 3d, 1875.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa., ask permission hereby to lay before your reverend body the following statement in behalf of this institution:

There are at present 70 orphans in the Home. Among these are 18 soldiers' orphans. During the past year a number of the latter became of age.

The receipts for the year ending with July 24th, 1875, for current expenses (food, clothing, salaries, &c.), amounted to $7,483.32. The expenditures during the same time, $7,046 90. Leaving a surplus of $446.42, which was used for the reduction of the debt incurred by improving and stocking the farm.

The farm has yielded good crops during the past summer, worth at least $2,200, which, however, will be consumed in the Home. The institution owes a debt on the farm of $8,000. The half of this amount will become due on October 1st, 1876; the other half, October 1st, 1878. Toward the payment of this we expect to get the Audenried Legacy of $5000, besides some unpaid subscriptions for this object.

Our receipts for the last four months have been unusually small. Notwithstanding the strict economy with which its affairs are managed, the debt incurred two years ago for the stocking and improving of the farm, has lately been considerably increased.

The Treasury has been overdrawn to the amount of.....	$1,400 00
Bills due sundry persons.....	2,314 00
The whole amounting to.....	$3,714 00
Collectable claims.....	666 13
Indebtedness for current expenses, &c.....	$3,048 87

At a former meeting of the Board a resolution was adopted providing that *for the present* orphans should be admitted only from those congregations, which will consent to pay annually not less than $100 for their support. It was simply intended as a temporary measure, and was at a subsequent meeting repealed.

The Board earnestly appeals to your Reverend body in behalf of this Home of the fatherless. We deprecate an increase of our indebtedness. It is dependent upon the charitable offerings of the Church. These ought to be sufficient to cover the current expenses and the debt of $3,048.87 incurred by the same. The institution feels the pressure of the times. Instead of opening our doors to the increasing numbers of fatherless and homeless children pleading pitifully for admittance, we shall be compelled to reduce the number we now have, unless the Home will receive a prompt and liberal support.

By order of the Board of Managers.

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*
D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Secretary.*

The committee to whom the above document was referred, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board o Managers of the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, report as follows:

The principal matter claiming the particular attention of the Syno is the fact, that the current expenses for the year have exceeded th current income, leaving the institution in debt on expense account t the amount of $3,048.87. Part of this debt was incurred two yea ago by stocking the farm. To assist the Home in relieving itself c this burden, we propose the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That this Synod renewedly commends the Bethan Home to the favorable regard and liberal support of all our consisto ries and congregations.

2. That each Classis be requested at its next annual meeting t take whatever measures may to it seem expedient, in order to increa the regular income of the Home from the free-will offerings of th people.

The indebtedness of the Home on account of the purchase of prop erty does not call for special action at the present time. Th Audenried Legacy will meet the payment of $4,000 falling due Oct 1st, 1876, and leave in hand a balance of $1,000. The last payment being the same amount, will not come due until Oct. 1st, 1878.

The Home is a prosperous institution of the Church. In view o the heavy financial pressure resting upon the country, the indebted- ness for current expenses is not more, but rather less than what migh reasonably have been expected in such circumstances. Let the Churc rejoice in this success; and in the marked tokens of Divine favor, which have been bestowed on this beneficent enterprize.

Respectfully submitted.

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

A communication from the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, announcing the vacancies occurring in the Board, was referred to the Committee on Nominations. To the same Committee was referred so much of the Reports of the Board of Publication and of the Board of Trustees of Synod, as relates to nomination for filling vacancies in said Boards. The Committee on Nomination presented their report on the fourth day of the sessions. It was received amended, and then adopted. The election was ordered to take plac on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions at 10 o'clock. Th Stated Clerk was instructed to have the number of copies needed fo the use of Synod, printed. At the time appointed, the election wa held. Revs. John G. Noss, N. S. Strassburger, and Elders Willia H. Seibert and Thos. H. Becker were appointed Tellers, who receive the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the Presi dent, as found in each case in its appropriate place.

In connection with the election for filling vacancies occurring in th different Boards, an election was also held for filling the vacancies oc-

rring in the Board of Franklin and Marshall College. The election sulted in the choice of Charles Santee, John L. Atlee, and Jacob nman.

The following statement from the Treasurer of the "Society for the lief of Ministers and their Widows," was ordered to be incorporated the Minutes:

nual Statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

During the past year the Society has made appropriations to one abled minister, to eleven widows, and to two daughters of deceased isters. Of these, three reside in Ohio, one in Indiana, one in inois, one in Maryland, and the remainder in this State. Mrs. atharine A. Irvin, widow of the late Rev. Matthew Irvin, died on after receiving her appropriation, for which, she said, she could arcely find words to express her gratitude to the Church for its kind membrance of her in her afflictions. The whole amount contributed the Society from various quarters was $860.92. In the Treasury cash and notes $1,519.94. Invested $12,875.00.

For the coming year appropriations will be made to twelve persons titled to such help, of which one is the widow of a deceased min-er, and now over ninety years of age.

Every minister may become a regular member of the Society by the ymnent of an initiation fee of five dollars, and an annual fee of three llars afterwards. By the payment of sixty five dollars, either by imself or by his charge, he is made a life member.

Thus far only a few of our congregations contribute to this object. If there were a more general response to the standing rule of Synod to take up one collection annually in each charge, the fund would pidly increase, and much more might be done for disabled or de-ased ministers and their families. It is hoped that this good cause vill receive the attention of our ministers during the coming year.

THEODORE APPEL, *Treasurer.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the churches of this Synod. to take up at least one collection during the year in aid of this Fund.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, From statements which have issued from those connected with the management of the approaching Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, it is evident, that it is seriously contemplated on that occasion to keep open the Centennial grounds and buildings on the Lord's day, and whereas, such a measure in the judgment of this Synod, cannot but be very deleterious to the morals of the community,

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not only during the continuance of the Centennial Exhibition itself, but also, and more especially in its after effects upon the condition of society, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod, as one of the conservators of religion and morals, most respectfully, and yet most earnestly protests against any and every movement, which looks to the opening of the Centennial grounds and buildings on the Lord's day for secular purposes, as a serious offence in the sight of God, deleterious to the morals of the community, and disrespectful to the feelings and sentiments of the Christian portion of the citizens of this country.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to have this action published as far as possible in the religious and secular press, and a copy of it forwarded to the Sabbath School Committee of Philadelphia.

On the evening of the second day of the sessions, the Rev. A. B. Koplin, Dr. John Beck, and Elder Samuel Bomberger, were appointed a committee, through whom all applications for leave of absence are to be presented to Synod. This committee reported such applications from time to time, which, upon their recommendation, were severally granted.

Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, James Crawford, and Elder Charles W. E. Siegel, were appointed a committee to collect an assessment of fifty cents from each member of Synod, to defray the contingent expenses of the present sessions. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to collect an assessment of fifty cents from each member of Synod to defray current expenses, report, that they have attended to their duty to the best of their ability. Several members had left before the committee was appointed, and a few declined to respond, on the ground, that they are paying their boarding while here.

From the remainder we have collected the sum of ninety dollars, and have paid the amount over into the hands of the *pastor loci*.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GERHARD, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That our sincere thanks be and hereby are tendered to the members of the Reformed congregations, and members of sister

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J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	1	Trappe,	225		7	9	16	200	9		1	125	1	$7000 00			Collegeville, Montgomery Co.,	Pa.
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	135	25		9		135			2	80					Chester Springs, Chester Co.,	do
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	180	40				160			1	40						
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	400	160	14	10	2	300	4	5	3	260		789 91			do do	do
Abraham Romich,	1	St. Stephen's,	171	500	83	16	10	154	12	7	1	125		19 50			No. 2017 Girard Av., Philad.,	do
D. Ernest Klopp,	1	Trinity,	290	60	25	30	15	233	7	5	2	283		156 00			No. 1541 N. 7th St., do	do
Maxwell S. Rowland,	1	East Vincent,	205		2	5	1	150	1	2	1	70		87 10			Spring City, Chester Co.,	do
do supply,	1	St. Matthew's,	135		2	2	1	120	1	1	U							
John G. Noss,	1	St. John's,	58	47	10	2	10	53	5		1	100		25 00		$700 00	No. 4042 Haverford St. Phila.,	do
William C. Hendrickson,	1	Heidelberg,	191	90	31	38	20	160	19	2	1	209		70 00			1310 North 19th St., do	do
Henry M. Kieffer,	1	Ascension,	175	60	19	11	13	138	4	6	1	125		76 65			Norristown, Montgomery Co.,	do
Josiah D. Detrick,	1	White Marsh,	120		10	12	9	116	2	7	1	100		77 00			White Marsh, do	do
do supply,	1	St. Luke's,	114		12	15	15	105		4	1	94					do do	do
John H. Sechler,	1	Boehm's,	196		12	10		124	6	3	1	80		125 00			Blue Bell, do	do
Joseph H. Hunsberger,	1	2 Ref. Ch. Norristown,	50		5	7	14	44		1	1	80		21 87			Norristown, do	do
Uriah Weidner,*	1	Pleasantville,	220	90	2	2		180	2		2	190		35 00				
Wm. F. Lichliter,	1	St. John's, Del.,	44	21	5	7	6	36	9		1	22		4 50		192 97	Wyoming, Kent Co.,	Del.
Vacant,	1	First Ch., Race Str.,	95					89										
do	1	Christ Church,	204	85	8	3	7	155	5	3	2	150		2024 06				
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Ed. Ref. Ch. Mess'ger,															No. 907 Arch St., Philad.,	Pa.
H. W. Super, D.D.,		Prof. in Ursinus Col.,															Collegeville, Montgomery Co.,	do
A. S. Zerbe,		do do															do do	do
F. K. Levan,		Supt. of Missions,															No. 511 N. 41st St., Phila.,	do
C. W. Schultz,		Without Charge,															Camden,	N. J.
George Leidy,		do do															Norristown,	Pa.
Charles Lukens,		do do															Frankford, Philadelphia,	do
Daniel Feete,		do do															Norristown,	do
J. M. Hartzell,		do do															North Wales, Montgomery Co.,	do
F. Walk,		do do															Philadelphia,	do
Edwin H. Nevin, D. D.,		do do															do	do
John Van Haagen, Lic.,																	Collegeville, Montgomery Co.,	do
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John G. Fritchey, Supply,		Supply,														Lancaster City, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John W. Nevin, D.D.,	1	St. Stephen's,	55		2	3	2	*94				1	99	$309 35	$384 00	do do do
William T. Gerhard,		Without charge,														do do do
John G. Wolff,		Without charge,														do do do
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	370	300	22	24	12	325		9	15	1	290	367 00	1600 00	do do do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,		Prof. in Th. Seminary,														do do do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,														do do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Millersville,	277	105	13	11		230		2	4	3	200	203 13		Millersville, do do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	265	129	12	2		174			8	1	65	156 05		Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Thomas G. Apple, D.D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem.,														Lancaster City, Lancaster do
Joseph Hannabery,†	2	New Providence,	162	98	12	7		139			7	2	140	73 33	717 00	N. Providence, do do
John V. Eckert,		Supply,														Columbia, do do
Walter E. Krebs,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,														Lancaster City, do do
Frederick A. Gast,		Prof. in Theol. Sem.,														do do do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	275	175	13	8	9	240		5	3	1	325	1421 91	2819 36	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Darius W. Gerhard,	3	New Holland,	365	210	40	45		290		2	11	3	208	229 67	870 00	N. Holland, Lancaster do
Joseph B. Shumaker,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	217	125	19	14	4	200			3	1	212	366 08	2120 66	Lancaster City, Lan. do
Stephen Schweitzer,	6	Reamstown,	725	218	55	28	1	425		1	34	5	325	125 59	912 00	Union Station, do do
Daniel C. Tobias	4	Bethany,	335	180	41	16	3	275			11	3	125	72 00	1128 00	Litiz, do do
John S. Stahr,‡		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,														Lancaster City, Lancaster do
Vacant,	1	St. John's, German,	385	160	10	10	8	215		6	5	1	90	19 21	1120 00	do do do
George W. Snyder,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	95	93	8	5	9	80		2	7	1	240	100 85	1666 74	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Conrad Clever,	1	Columbia,	145	120	21	23	11	100		4	3	1	155	150 00	1550 00	Columbia, Lancaster do
Moritz Noll,	1	Zwingli, Harrisburg,	118	39	9	2		81		2	3	1	30	18 25	350 00	Harrisburg, Dauph n do
J. H. Pannebecker,	3	Elizabethtown,	178		18	7	2	115			3	2	165	37 60	890 00	Elizabethtown, Lancaster do
Vacant,	3	Manheim	126	67	10	2		83			1	1	105			Manheim do do
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Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland,	240	200	45	39		225		1	15	1	150	$49 00	$950 00	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John W. Steinmetz, *	3	Danville,	360	265	46	30	3	310		3	10	4	350	338 00	1100 00	Danville, Montour do
Samuel H. Reid,		Without charge,														Milton, Northumberland do
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	6	North Susquehanna,	330	250	58	20		290			12	5	190	92 50	1200 00	Berwick, Columbia do
John Wolbach,	7	Mahanoy,	510	380	29	10		300			20	7		161 00	1200 00	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
Alfred Houtz,	4	Orangeville,	230	150	8	28		226			8	4	240	100 00	725 00	Orangeville, Columbia do
Jos. H. Schlappig,	2	Overton Mission,	97	70	20	8	1	90		2	1	2	70	41 38	346 38	Overton, Bradford do
Calvin S. Gerhard,	1	Sunbury,	185	100	23	5	5	150		7	5	1	125	99 96	1100 00	Sunbury, Northumberland do
Tilghman Derr,	3	Mt. Zion's,	480	280	30	23	6	400		3	12	3	240	107 00	1150 00	Turbotville, do do
Henry S. Bassler,	7	Deep Creek,	410	305	40	19	2	350		2	35	7		72 50	5300 00	Heginsville, Schuylkill do
John M. Clemens,	5	Conyngham,	575	400	70	38	6	500		3	29	4	280	65 70	1600 00	Conyngham, Luzerne do
T. Frank Hoffmeier,	2	Bloomsburg,	235	175	24	16	3	205		7	12	2	150	130 00	800 00	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
Maximilian Frankel,†	1	Grace, Hazleton,	1056									2	450			Hazleton, Luzerne do
William G. Engle,	6	Uniontown,	800	400	79	47		500		2	20	6	300	140 33	1100 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
Geo. B. Dechant,	4	Catawissa,	460	350	98	26		315		1	25	6	300	125 16	1500 00	Catawissa, Columbia do
John Kretzing,	2	Lykens,	122	120	39	30	15	103		3	12	1	75	17 38	650 00	Lykens, Dauphin do
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	5	Armstrong Valley,	230	175	35	10		68			21	5	350	25 00	900 00	Halifax, do do
John K. Millet,	3	Paradise,	463	250	23	42	15	430		13	7	3	280	258 08	1150 00	McEwensville, North'berl'nd do
F. F. Bahner,	1	St. John's,	225	200	18	10	15	200		5	6	1	225	91 00	1050 00	Milton, Northumberland do
D. O. Shoemaker,	1	Shamokin,	225	200	22	26	23	207			13	1	240	120 00	1700 00	Shamokin, Northumberland do
C. H. Reiter,	5	Augusta,	390		4						7	6		25 00		Sunbury, do do
I. E. Graeff,	1	Emanuel's, Hazelton,	106	84	9		3	60			2	1	80		1611 34	Hazleton, Luzerne do
J. B. Kerschner,‡	5	3 Millersburg, 2 Berrysburg,	400	200				370				5	220			Millersburg, Dauphin do
J. Fuendeling,		Grace,														Hazleton, Luzerne do
D. O. Shoemaker, Sup'ly	1	St. Peter's,	70	60	1			43			1	1	30			
E. D. Miller, § Supply,	1	Ringtown,	110	80	23	27		90			4	1		8 00	200 00	Shenandoah, Schuylkill do
Total, 24.	77		8309	4694	744	454	97	5598		52	275	79	4345	$2066 99	$25432 72	

Candidates for the ministry, 1.

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	431	391	31	30	15	393		7		6	225	$206 87	$926 00	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Beaver Springs,	600	300	59	50		600			26	5	400	101 71	6372 27	McClure, Snyder do
David G. Klein,	2	Eden,	120	110	14			94			5	2	175			Walker, Centre do
George E. Addams,	3	Mifflinburg,	360	140	32	21		327		1	16	3	200	303 00	1220 93	Mifflinburg, Union do
William W. Clouser,	4	White Deer,	308	225	20	26	2	292		3	7	3	140	32 11	650 00	White Deer Mills, do do
Wm. A. Haas,	5	Selinsgrove,	395	250	43	26	4	350		5	8	5	270	86 00	1100 00	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
William M. Landis,	6	Rebersburg,	239	200	24	12	5	193		4	2	4	130	82 63	700 00	Rebersburg, Centre do
Hiram King,	2	Bellefonte,	142	92	11	9	11	105			2	1	75	72 48	1139 26	Bellefonte do do
H. D. Darbaker,	4	Nittany Valley,	240	200	20	3	3	178		10	4	2	150	130 00	3000 00	Walker, do do
Willoughby Donat,	6	Liverpool,	150	238	20	22		120			11	5	200	29 12		Oriental, Perry do
J. F. De Long,	1	Williamsport,	155	115	10	10	13	150	4	2	3	2	200	90 49	1569 74	Williamsport, Lycoming do
James Crawford,	2	Lewisburg,	280	180	12		17	230		2	4	2	200			Lewisburg, Union do
J. G. Shoemaker,	4	Aaronsburg,	500	361	25	19	3	340		1	8	4	225	122 00	800 00	Aaronsburg, Centre do
Z. A. Yearick,*	6	New Berlin,														New Berlin, Union do
J. W. Pontious,*	1	Lock Haven,														Lock Haven, do
D. M. Wolf,		Without charge,														Penn Hall, Centre do
Uriah H. Heilman,		do														Lewisburg, Union do
J. C. Bucher, D.D.,		do														do do do
A. B. Caspar,		do														New Berlin, do do
Jonathan Zeller,		do														Lock Haven, do
Total, 20.	56		3920	2802	321	228	73	3372	4	35	96	44	2590	$1256 41	$17478 20	

* Lately taken charge.

Candidates for the Ministry, 3.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Years.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Students.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
[illegible] Weiser, D. D.		Retired,															Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
[illegible] C. Harman,		do															Gilbertstown, Montg'y do
C. Zwingli Weiser, D. D.,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	900	460	56	45	12	784		5	32	2	400		$525 00	$4317 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Augustus L. [illegible],	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	600	250	68	50	8	523		5	26	4			306 20	1000 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
L. Kepler Krauss,	1	Trinity Church,	500	380	63	44	8	470			36	1	310		436 02	1000 00	Pottstown, Montgomery do
[illegible] J. Mayer,	8	Newmp,	744	592	72	69	2	687		4	31	1	125		236 81	13,900 00	Boyertown, Berks do
L. U. [illegible],	4	Pottstown,	850		94	15	7	745		3	23	3					Pottstown, Montgomery do
P. M. K. Huber,	8	Wanta's,	633	239	35	31	2	490		5	28	2	200		190 42		Worcester, Montgomery do
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	6	Friedensburg,	660	300	62	42	2	454		19	27	4	250	1			Oley, Berks do
E. H. Keller,	4	Zionsville,	870	600	89	80	7	700		2	47	6	550		321 64		Zionsville Lehigh do
Franklin J. Mohr, Supply,	1	Chestnut Hill,	80	50	19	4	3	70			5	1			40 40		Quakertown, Bucks do
David Y. Schaub,		Licentiates															Reading do
Henry L. Gerhart,																	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Total, 12.	28		5837	2811	558	380	51	4923		43	255	24	1835	1	$2,056 49	$20,217 00	

CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfird.	Baptisms.	Adult Bap.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Samuel Hess,		Retired,															Hellertown, Northampton Co., Pa.
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown,	373	158	32		22	12	348	5	9	10	2	86	$115 00	$5000 00	Hilltown, Bucks do
David Rothrock,	2	Durham,	570	363	34	1	39	5	488		5	16	1	50	144 94	1006 00	Bucksville, do do
L. C. Sheip,	1	Doylestown,	100	70	6		12	2	90				1	90	10 00	600 00	Doylestown, do do
S. K. Gross,	2	Ridge Valley,	320	60	34		32	3	264		2	11	2		10 00	760 00	Sellersville, do do
A. F. Ziegler,	2	Keller's,	235	120	16			6	210		2	6	2	100	19 31	450 00	Bingen, Northampton do
T. O. Stem,	3	Lower Saucon,	540	290	60		8	2	450		2	16	4	180	258 70	1200 00	Hellertown, do do
Jacob Kehm,	2	Indian Creek,	846	475	46		13	2	746		8	23	2	345	301 00	1668 95	Schlicter's Bucks do
Nath. Z. Snyder,	2	South Bethlehem,	235	180	35		33	10	193		16	11	1	140	58 93	605 00	S. Bethlehem, Northampt. do
Franklin J. Mohr,	3	Quakertown,	491	204	63	5	44	24	476		10	19	3	268	237 66	1800 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
R. Leighton Gerhart,	1	Riegelsville,	157	85	12		8	4	140			2	1	140	111 43	954 00	Riegelsville, do do
James G. Dengler,	3	Sellersville,	330		26	6	32	15	320		3	5	3		80 00	1000 00	Sellersville, do do
Wm. H. Bates,	3	Tinicum,	295		19		3	3	189		5	10			60 68	402 51	Erwina, do do
J. J. Roesch, supply,	2	Springfield,	200		18		27	1	200			8	3	180	28 00		Pleasant Hill, do do
Nath. Z. Snyder, do	1	South Easton,	110	95	7		20	5	92		1	3	1		35 00	325 00	
A. F. Ziegler, do	1	New Jerusalem,	125	90	26		13	2	109			2	1	75	20 13	160 00	
Robt. C. Weaver, do	3	Friedensville,	304		13		49		304			25	5	200	47 95		Coopersburg, Lehigh do
Henry Hess,		Retired,															
Total, 10.	33		5231	2190	447	12	355	96	4619	5	63	167	32	1854	$1538 73	$15931 46	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	Stud'nts for the Min.
East Pennsylvania,	30	86	16,537	9,488	1,410	1163	115	12,269	14	142	562	137	5,473	$6,081 35	$40,730 96	17
Lebanon,	32	82	16,540	9,900	1,471	946	354	13,023	4	136	542	111	8,397	9,589 05	81,662 47	22
Philadelphia,	27	22	3,208	1,178	247	188	139	2,652		86	46	23	2,133	10,511 59	892 97	1
Lancaster,	24	36	4,093	2,019	305	207	51	3,066		33	118	28	2,774	3,650 02	16,127 76	2
East Susquehanna,	24	77	8,309	4,694	744	454	67	5,598		52	275	79	4,335	2,066 99	25,432 72	1
West Susquehanna,	20	56	3,920	2,802	321	228	73	3,372	4	35	96	44	2,590	1,256 41	17,478 20	3
Goshenhoppen,	12	28	5,837	2,811	558	380	51	4,923		43	255	24	1,835	2,056 49	20,217 00	1
Tohickon,	16	33	5,231	2,190	447	355	96	4,619	5	63	167	32	1,854	1,538 73	15,931 46	3
Total, 8 Classes,	185	420	63,675	35,082	5,503	3,924	946	49,522	27	590	2,061	498	29,391	$36,750 63	$218,473 54	50
Synod of Ohio, 13 Classes,	148	341	23,345	11,976	2,095	1,514	843	18,891	240	294	572	246	17,289	10,419 27	18,301 00	16
Synod of the North West, 8 Classes,	108	176	14,011	11,111	1,504	1,113	686	11,577	115	324	426	140	5,614	8,997 91		5
Synod of Pittsburgh, 5 Classes,	55	124	9,510	7,638	1,050	683	348	8,302		179	301	94	5,640	7,063 60	34,966 00	13
Synod of the Potomac, 6 Classes,	103	247	25,217	16,397	1,896	1,226	352	21,821	3	243	624	208	12,854	12,833 16		37
Eastern German Synod, 4 Classes,	32	31	7,114	4,916	1,453	543	588	5,868	4	95	510	34	5,080	3,706 00	28,479 00	3
Total, 6 Synods, 44 Classes,	631	1339	142,872	87,120	13,501	9,000	3,763	115,981	389	1,725	4,494	1220	75,868	$79,680 57	$300,219 54	123

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One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Sessions.

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OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AT

READING, PA., NOVEMBER, 1876.

PHILADELPHIA:
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pennsylvania, in the month of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-six. The Sessions continued from the evening of the First to the evening of the Sixth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Sessions were opened with religious services by the President, the Rev. Isaac E. Graeff, prior to which he preached a sermon from Matthew ix. 20 and 21: "*And behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him and touched the hem of His garment. For she said within herself: If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. John Beck, D. D., Adam B. Koplin, Daniel Y. Heisler,* David B. Ernst, Samuel A. Leinbach,[2] and Daniel F. Brendle.[2]

The figure at the end of a name indicates the day of the sessions, on which the member took his seat.

* Was succeeded on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions by his *primarius*, Rev. Alfred J. G. Dubbs.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John Beck, D. D., was chosen *President.*
Rev. John O. Johnson was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., is *Stated Clerk.*
George W. Hensel, Esq., was re-elected *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the first eight pews from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions:

Morning Session to open at 8½, and close at 11½ o'clock.

Afternoon Session to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

Evening sessions were held during every evening of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod. Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., William Sorber, and Elder Lewis H. Koch.

Overtures. Rev. Conrad Clever, David B. Ernst, and Elder Henry Wickert.

Correspondence with Sister Churches. Rev. David E. Klopp, D.D., Tilghman Derr, and Elder Noah Sheip.

Minutes of Classes. Rev. James Crawford, Adam B. Koplin, John B. Shumaker, and Elders Samuel H. Maddan and William Posey.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination. Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., and Elders Daniel Small and Charles Fenstermacher.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports. Rev. John O. Johnson, George E. Addams, and Elder Abraham Bausman.

Theological Seminary. Rev. L. Krider Evans, Daniel B. Albright, Daniel Y. Heisler, and Elders Thomas F. Butz and Adam Hersh.

Missions. Rev. Clement Z Weiser, D.D., William H. Groh, and Elder Daniel Small.

Finance. Rev. John P. Stein, Henry W. Super, D.D., and Elders Isaac McHose, Daniel W. Gross, and John Meily.

Nominations. Rev. William H. Groh, G. Calvin Hall, and Elder Thomas Faust.

Publication. Rev. Jonathan E. Hiester, Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., and Elder Horatio Jones.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

(1). One copy of the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

(2). The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, and Tohickon, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Morals, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

(3). The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

(4). The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, was received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance.

(5). The Annual Report of the Board of Publication and the Report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund" were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

(6). Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of last year's annual sessions was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. The Committee submitted their report, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod respectfully report the following items of unfinished business claiming the attention of Synod:

Item 1. Rev. Jonathan E. Hiester was appointed delegate *primarius* and Rev. William M. Reily, delegate *secundus* to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. *Page* 12.

Item 2. Action of Synod instructing the Treasurer of Synod to pay to the Rev. Prof. Frederick A. Gast, two hundred dollars, in

The following report was received from the delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and adopted:

Your delegate appointed to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania respectfully reports:

That he attended the sessions of the Reverend Ministerium assembled in Reading, Pa., and that he was respectfully and very kindly received. He conveyed to that body the fraternal greetings of the Reformed Church; these fraternal sentiments were cordially reciprocated in a brief reply by the President of the Reverend Ministerium.

JONATHAN E. HIESTER.

Rev. Samuel G. Wagner was chosen delegate *primarius*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, delegate *secundus*, to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker availed himself of the opportunity afforded him, in connection with the action of Synod on the Report of the Committee on Nominations, to address the Synod. He dwelt upon the relations subsisting between the two bodies, and gave what he conceived to be the Ministerium's view of the principle enunciated by the General Council of the Lutheran Church: "Lutheran pulpits for Lutheran ministers only, and Lutheran altars for Lutheran members only." The kind sentiments of his address were briefly but cordially responded to by the President.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully report as follows:

I. Irregularities.

1. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. Julius J. C. Kurtz, but fails to state from where.

2. The Lancaster and Tohickon Classis failed to send in their minutes at the opening of the sessions, according to the requirements of Synod.

3. East Pennsylvania Classis confirmed a call, which had not been signed by the consistories of all the congregations constituting the charge.

II. Appeals and Complaints.

1. Rev. W. W. Clouser *appeals* from action of the West Susquehanna Classis in regard to the White Deer case.

2. Rev. J. G. Noss complains to Synod against the action of hiladelphia Classis in licensing A. E. Dahlman and others.
3. Philadelphia Classis complains against the action of East Pennlvania in the case of Licentiate M. H. Mishler.

III. Subjects referred to Classes.

All the Classes took favorable action on the several matters referred them at the last annual meeting of Synod, except the Philadelphia assis, which resolved that it did not see its way clear to organize a assical Sunday-school Convention at the present time.

IV. Licensures, Ordinations, Dismissions, and Receptions.

. The Classis of East Pennsylvania dismissed Rev. Daniel E. Schoedr to the Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. George H. Johnston to the Philalphia Classis, and Rev. Julius J. C. Kurtz to East Susquehanna Clas-; received Rev. David B. Ernst from St Paul's Classis, Pittsburg nod, Rev Daniel Y. Heisler from Mercersburg Classis, Potomac nod, and Rev. Tilghman Stem from Tohickon Classis; licensed John Crist, Joseph E. Freeman, Moses H. Dieffenderfer and Thomas A. aber; ordained licentiate Thos. E. Huber and received licentiate homas N. Reber from Lebanon Classis.

II. The Classis of Lebanon licensed Milton H. Groh, David B. hey, Thomas N. Reber and J. G. Neff and dismissed licentiates homas N. Reber to East Pennsylvania Classis, and David B. Shuey Lancaster Classis.

III. The Classis of Philadelphia licensed Adolf E. Dahlman, J. avid Miller, David W. Ebbert, Mahlon H. Mishler, E. Garver Wilams and Charles H. Coon; ordained licentiates Uriah Weidner, and William F. Lichliter; dismissed licentiate Charles H. Coon to Maryand Classis, A. E. Dahlman to German Philadelphia Classis, F. F. Christine to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. William F. Lichliter to assis of Allegheny, Pittsburgh Synod, licentiate David W. Ebbert Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod; received Rev. David Van Horne from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. George H. Johnston om Classis of East Pennsylvania and Rev. Peter S. Davis, D. D. from Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod.

IV. The Classis of Lancaster received Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs om the Philadelphia Classis, and licentiate David B. Shuey from ebanon Classis; ordained licentiate Nathan C. Schaeffer, and deposed ev. John V. Eckert from the Gospel Ministry.

V. East Susquehanna Classis dismissed Rev. Samuel H. Reid to e Northumberland Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. ohn Kretzing to Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod, Rev. John Wolbach Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; received licentiate G. Calvin all from Zion's Classis, and ordained him; received licentiate G. ckey Gurley from Westmoreland Classis, and ordained him; received entiate Mahlon H. Mishler from the English Philadelphia Classis, d Rev. Julius J. C. Kurtz from the East Pennsylvania Classis.

VI. West Susquehanna Classis licensed Simon Wolf; dismissed

Rev. Henry D. Darbaker to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; received licentiate George P. Hartzell from Zion's Classis, and ordained him; received licentiate F. F. Christine from Philadelphia Classis and ordained him; dismissed Rev. Uriah H. Heilman to Zion's Classis and Rev. Lewis C. Edmonds to San Francisco Classis, Potomac Synod.

VII. Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. Daniel E. Schoedler from East Pennsylvania Classis.

VIII. Tohickon Classis dismissed Rev. William H. Bates to Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and Rev. Tilghman O. Stem to East Pennsylvania Classis; ordained licentiate Robert C. Weaver, and licensed George W. Roth.

V. Time and Place of next Annual Meeting.

1. Classis of East Pennsylvania will meet at White Hall Church, Lehigh Co., Pa., Monday before Ascension Day, at 2 P. M., 1877, Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk.*

2. The Classis of Lebanon will meet in Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa., on the first Wednesday after Whitsuntide, at 8 P. M., 1877, Rev. Dr. Franklin W. Kremer, *President*, and Rev. John O. Johnson, *Stated Clerk.*

3. The Classis of Philadelphia will meet at Pleasantville, Bucks Co., Pa., on the first Friday in June, 1877, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. Dr. David E. Klopp, *President*, and Rev. John G. Noss, *Stated Clerk.*

4. East Susquehanna Classis will meet at McEwensville, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsuntide, 1877, at 7½ P. M., Rev. John K. Millet, *President*, and Rev. G. Calvin Hall, *Stated Clerk.*

5. West Susquehanna Classis will meet at Lewisburg, Pa., on the third Wednesday of May, 1877, at 7½ P. M., Rev. Hiram King, *President*, and Rev. William A. Haas, *Stated Clerk.*

6. Lancaster Classis will meet at Manheim, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, 1877, at 7½ P. M., Rev. Walter E. Krebs, *President*, and Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk.*

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet at Oley, Berks Co., Pa., Friday after Whitsunday, 1877, at 2 P. M., Rev. Eli Keller, *President*, and Rev. Lucian J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk.*

8. Tohickon Classis will meet at Sellersville, Bucks Co., Pa., on the first Thursday in June, 1877, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. Simon K. Gross, *President*, and Rev. Nathan Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES CRAWFORD,
A. B KOPLIN,
J. B. SHUMAKER,
S. H. MADDAN,
WM. POSEY,
} *Committee.*

For the action of the Synod on the Irregularities and the Appeal reported, see Article XXI. "Appeals and Reference," and for the result of the Complaint reported, see Article XXII. "Complaints."

The remaining items in the report were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

The following report was received from the Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, beg to report, that no items have been referred to them.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report was received from the Committee on Religion and Morals, and adopted:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

THE REFORMATION.—Three hundred and sixty years ago, a young Swiss, thoroughly educated in all classical, historical and theological learning, his spirit refined and elevated by his love for art and music, and his soul inspired by the genial influence of liberty which prevailed in the little Republic of the Alps, began to preach the Reformation which was so greatly needed in the religion and morals of the Church. He was impelled thereto, not by petulance of temper, or by caprice, or by vanity, wounded pride or disappointment; but solely from the influence which the Spirit of God communicated to him in the reading of the Sacred Scriptures. No thought of schism disturbed the harmony of Ulrich Zwingli's mind. He wished to reform the Church from within its own bosom, and not to found a new sect which should perpetuate his name. That portion of the Church which was purified by his efforts has never been called Zwinglian, but only Reformed. Its Magna Charta is the Word of God, its genius is that of freedom, and its organization and government are republican.

A similar movement originated in Saxony a year later, under the influence of the great and zealous Luther. Encouraged and fostered by the Prince of Saxony, and protected by his strong arm, the Lutheran Church has ever been, to a greater or less extent, under the guidance of the civil power. Its confession and its organization have been from the first more fixed. There has been less tendency to change and modification. In the electorate of the Palatinate, which lies between Lutheran Saxony and Reformed Switzerland, the Reformation movement culminated in that broad, genial, Catholic and Christo-centric Confession, which we all so dearly love, the Heidelberg Catechism. The spirit and the government of the Reformed

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used the scriptural, ancient, Reformed and approved means—the Word and the Sacraments. The ministers believe that the Word is good seed, which should be sown broadcast in faith, and hence they preach the Word of God and leave sensational and every-day topics to those, who have faith in man's wisdom rather than in the wisdom of God. The Holy Sacraments are faithfully used as *means of grace*, and not mere signs. The Classes report that the Sunday services are well attended, and also the weekly services. There has been no abatement of interest in the catechetical services; and we firmly believe, that there is no other method of reaching the young and those who are without the Church, so effectual as this.

THE CATECHETICAL CLASS AND THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

At one time, it seemed to be feared, that the institution of Sunday-schools would put an end to the Catechetical class, or at least prove detrimental to it. Happily this has not been the result, but the very opposite is the fact. The Sunday-school has been found to be a help to the pastor in catechizing, and our classes are made up largely of Sunday-school scholars. It has been noted, also, that the additions to the confirmed membership of the Church are largely from the Sunday-school, especially where the Church has nourished the school.

The increased interest manifested the last few years by Synod and the Classes, in Sunday-schools is especially gratifying, and has produced good results.

FAILURES AND THEIR CAUSES.

That there have been many failures we might reasonably expect. The Classical reports lament them, and attribute them mainly to the evil of large charges. Efforts are constantly making in some sections to reconstruct and diminish these overgrown charges, but hitherto with very limited success. It would be well for the Synod to encourage the Classes in their commendable efforts.

Several Classes also attribute the want of success to Union Sunday-schools, from which our beloved Catechism is excluded, and in which our children imbibe principles that are not in harmony with the genius of our Reformed Zion.

THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

This does not prevail to any large extent in our Church, but is beginning to spread. This tendency should be checked at once, and the rule of our Church maintained, that all congregations should belong to a regular pastoral charge. The evils of the supply system are very great, greater than is supposed by most persons.

BENEVOLENCE

is noted as being on the increase in a few of our Classes, but is greatly diminishing in others. The sum total is several thousand dollars

less than it was last year. Several Classes strongly urge increased liberality on the part of the congregations and Sunday-schools. The Catechetical classes might also be interested in this good cause.

Our Reformed Church has

A MISSION TO PERFORM

in these United States of America. Occupying a middle ground between the extremes of religious opinions, Catholic in its spirit, positive in its faith and free in its government, it may be expected to act as a leavening power, which may assist in ushering in

THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE,

when the disjointed members shall be united as the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ.

With the picture of the past before our eyes, confessing our sins, and thankful for the unmerited mercies received, and hopeful for the future, our prayer is, that God may continue to bless us; and may He keep us from heresy and schism, and united in the bonds of a holy faith as one body, unto everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN O. JOHNSON,
GEO. E. ADDAMS,
ABRAHAM BAUSMAN, } *Committee.*

[For Statistical Reports, see Appendix.]

The following religious services were observed during the sessions of Synod.

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious services.

Rev. Charles F. McCauley, D. D., Daniel B. Albright and Elder Horatio Jones were appointed a Committee on Religious Services, who reported from time to time their several appointments. Their report, as finally adopted, is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

FIRST CHURCH, READING.

10 A. M.....Rev. W. H. Groh.
7 P. M.....Rev. L. K. Evans.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SERVICES.

2 P. M.....Rev. G. H. Johnston.
Rev. J. F. Wiant.

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH.

10 A. M.....Rev. J. B. Shumaker,
7 P. M.....Rev. J. A. Peters.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SERVICES.

2 P. M.....Revs. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., and J. K. Millet.

SECOND REFORMED CHURCH.

Saturday, 7 P. M.....Preparatory Service.
Rev. H. W. Super, D. D.

SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICES.

10.30 A. M.....Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D.
7 P. M.....Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D. D.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SERVICES.

2 P. M.....Revs. J. O. Johnson and L. K. Evans.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

10 A. M.....Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

10.30 A. M.....Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

10 A. M.....Rev. W. G. Engle.

ST. JAMES' LUTHERAN CHURCH.

10 A. M.....Rev. John Beck, D. D.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

10.30 A. M.....Rev. I. E. Graeff,
7 P. M.....Rev. Conrad Clever.

EVANGELIC CHURCH.

10 A. M.....Rev. J. E. Hiester.
7 P. M.....Rev. A. B. Koplin.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

10 A. M.....Rev. Tilghman Derr.
7 P. M.....Rev. J. K. Millet.

HAINS' REFORMED CHURCH.

9.30 A. M.....Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D.

SINKING SPRING.

2 P. M.....Rev. S. M. K. Huber.

BERKS COUNTY PRISON.

3 P. M.....Rev. E. M. Shultz.

C. F. McCauley, *Chairman.*

The several religious services were observed, as appointed by the Committee.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a) *Report of Board of Trustees.*

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren :—The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary held two meetings during the current Synodical year.

At the first meeting in May the following officers were elected : D. W. Gross, *President*, John Heilman, *Vice-President*, Edward J. Zahm, *Rec. Secretary*, John B. Roth, *Treasurer*.

From the Treasurer's report, accompanying this paper, full information can be had in regard to the financial condition of the Institution. It is gratifying for us to state, that we received several small sums for the Endowment Fund, which, though they are small, are still evidences of love for and interest in the Theological Seminary.

The following amounts are due by the Classes named for interest on Tutorship Bonds, viz :

[illegible] Classis to Oct. 1, 1876,		$407 50
[illegible] " to July 1, "		60 00
[illegible] " " 25, "		67 00
Goshenhoppen " to Sept. 20, "		137 95
		$666 45

It will appear from this statement, that Goshenhoppen Classis is nearly in arrears; but this needs explanation.

At the time this Classis was divided, the two Classes formed out of it, Goshenhoppen and Tohickon, agreed to divide the Tutorship Bond held against the former Classis, each one assuming one half. Goshenhoppen has paid up its interest and nearly all its principal, but Tohickon has failed to pay anything either on principal or interest. We, as a Board, only hold a Bond against Goshenhoppen Classis, and deem it well to call the attention of Synod to the matter for adjustment. As it stands now, Goshenhoppen Classis owes the Board $284.30 on principal and $131.95 on interest, but of this amount it is presumed the Tohickon Classis owes $250.00 principal, and $101.25 interest.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. Gross, *President*.
Edw'd J. Zahm, *Rec. Sec.*
Jno. B. Roth, *Treasurer*.

wing are the statements from the Treasurer, referred to in
ıg report:

OTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

interest on Bond of Geo. Besore to Oct. 1, 1875			$ 30 00
" E. Smith's Note to Oct. 7, 1875			15 00
" E. Susquehanna Classis Bond to Jan. 1, 1876			30 00
" Geo. Sarbaugh's Bond on ac't			120 00
" Wm. J. Baer's Bond to Jan. 10, 1876			400 00
" Geo. Sarbaugh's Bond on ac't			60 00
" Geo. Schroyer's Bond to Feb. 8, 1876			105 00
" W. E. Schmertz' Bond to Jan. 1, 1876			30 00
" W. L. Harbaugh's Bond to Feb. 13, 1876			18 00
" G. S. Griffiths' Bond to Jan. 1, 1876			30 00
" Mrs. Umsted's Bond to April 1, 1876			30 00
" E. J. Zahm's Bond to April 1, 1876			125 94
" J. B. Roth's Bond to April 1, 1876			150 00
" Loan			54 62
" A. B. Wingerd's Bond to April 1, 1876			208 90
" Horst's Bond to April 1, 1876			116 04
" Geo. Sarbaugh's Bond on ac't			70 00
" Cook Legacy to April 1, 1876	$ 39 03		
" Kieffer " "	285 00		
" North Central R. R. Bond	30 00		
			354 03
" Geo. Sarbaugh on ac't			50 00
" West Susquehanna Classis Bond on ac't			15 88
" Zion's Classis Bond to May 1, 1876			60 00
" Geo. Schroyer's Bond to August 8, 1876			105 00
" Loan			35 00
" W. L. Harbaugh's Bond to August 13, 1876.			18 00
" Wm. J. Baer's Bond to July 10, 1876			405 00
" Lebanon Classis Bond to June 30, 1876			30 00
" J. B. Roth's Bond to October 1, 1876			150 00
" Rev. J. W. Love's Note to Nov. 1, 1876			6 00
" Reisher's claim			529 69
" Cook Legacy, G. W. Hensel, Trea.	$ 27 00		
" Kieffer " "	285 00		
" North Central R. R. Bond "	30 00		
			342 00
" A. B. Wingerd to October 1, 1876			202 54
" Horst's Bond to October 1, 1876			116 04
" E. J. Zahm's Bond to October 1, 1876			153 62
" Bond E. Pennsylvania Classis to Oct. 1, 1876			30 00
amount of balance due to Treasurer			1,312 40
			$5,508 70

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amount due to Treasurer, per Report to Board	$990 56
" paid Thomas G. Apple on ac't.	150 00
" " E. V. Gerhart on ac't	100 00
" " E. V. Gerhart on ac't	100 00
Carried over	$1,340 56

		[illegible] brought over	$1,
[illegible]	[illegible]	T. G. Apple on ac't	
		F. A. Gast on ac't	
		E. D. Gurley's bill	
		Stamped check-book	
		Bill of oil	
		E. V. Gerhart's salary to Jan. 1, 1876.	
		T. G. Apple's salary to Jan. 1, 1876	
		Bitner's bill of freight	
		F. A. Gast's salary to Jan. 1, 1876	
		W. Carpenter's draft and survey	
		W. Stramp for wood	
		Kempler and Slaymaker's bill	
		Lamp chimneys and wicks	
		John L. Arnold for repairs	
		E. Bookmyer "	
		Postage stamps and envelopes	
		T G. Apple on ac't	
		E. V. Gerhart on ac't	
		F. A. Gast on ac't	
		T. G. Apple on ac't	
		Shertzer & Co.'s bill	
		F. A. Gast's salary to April 1, 1876	
		T. G. Apple's salary to April 1, 1876	
		E. V. Gerhart's salary to April 1, 1876	
		W. R. Gerhart for Seminary plot	
		Kindling wood	
		T. G. Apple on ac't	
		F. A. Gast on ac't	
		E. V. Gerhart on ac't	
		J. B. Roth's salary to April 1, 1876	
		Law Intelligencer bill	
		E. V. Gerhart on ac't	
		F. & M. Col. Janitor's services from April 1, 1875 to April 1, 1876	
		A. White for repairs	
		T. G. Apple on ac't	
		T. G. Apple on ac't	
		F. A. Gast's salary to July 1, 1876	
		E. V. Gerhart's salary to July 1, 1876	
		T. G. Apple's salary to July 1, 1876	
		Bill of repairs	
		T. G. Apple on ac't	
		F. & M. Col. Janitor's services to July 1, 1876	
		F. A. Gast on ac't	
		T. G. Apple on ac't	
		E. V. Gerhart on ac't	
		F. Fox, postage stamps and E. V. Gerhart	
		Interest on Klopp Legacy to Oct. 1, 1876	
		J. A. Burger for repairs	
		J. B. Roth's salary to October 1, 1867	
		E. V. Gerhart on ac't of salary	
		Expenses to Chambersburg	
		Kennedy & Stewart, Attorneys' fees	
		Carried forward	$5

1876.	Amount brought forward..	$5,133 70
Oct. 13,	By amount paid T. G. Apple's salary to October 1, 1876....	150 00
" 13,	" " F. A. Gast's salary to October 1, 1876.....	100 00
" 14,	" " E. V. Gerhart's salary to October 1, 1876	125 00
		$5,508 70
1876.		
Oct. 26,	By Balance due to Treasurer	$1312 40

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

GEO. W. HENSEL,
OCT. 17, 1876. WM. A. WILT.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Building Fund.*

DR.

1875.		
Oct. 26,	For amount reported to Board	$10,822 29
1876.		
Oct. 1,	" " of interest received to date	317 85
" 1,	" " 2nd Agency Notes and Subscriptions paid.....	246 92
" 1,	" " 1st " " " "	93 44
" 17,	Total of Fund	$11,480 50

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Pittsburg Prof. Fund.*

DR.

1875.		
Oct. 26,	For amount reported to Board	$1,363 58
1876.		
Oct. 17,	" interest on same to date..	81 51
" 17,	" Notes paid during the year	56 50
" 17,	Total of Fund	$1,501 59

Statement of Endowment Fund.

DR.

1875.		
Oct. 26,	For amount reported to Board	$64,126 93
Nov. 9,	" " rec'd of Rev. J. W. Love, Note	100 00
" 11,	" cash " Rev. J. C. Bucher	50 00
1876.		
Feb. 9,	" " " N. C. Schaeffer	100 00
June 7,	" " " Louisa Albright	50 00
Oct. 27,	" " " as Semi-Centennial and gifts from sundry persons	198 81
		$64,625 74

CR.

1876.		
Oct. 17,	By error in valuation of the claim *vs.* Daniel S. Reisher	348 32
Oct. 17,	Total of Fund	$64,277 42

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Smaltz Fund.*

DR.

1875.		
Oct. 26,	For balance due per report to Board	$ 84 39
Nov. 5,	" interest from A. W. Russell to October 1, 1875	120 09
	Carried over	$204 39

1876.		Amount brought over	$204 39
April 7,	For interest from	J. Showalter to April 1, 1876	30 00
" 19,	" "	A. W. Russell on ac't	50 00
" 28,	" "	A. W. Russell on ac't	90 00
" 28,	" "	J. Showalter	10 00
Sept. 1,	" "	J. Showalter to Sept. 1, 1876	25 00
			$409 39

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1875.				
Oct. 30,	By amount paid order	No. 1	$40 00	
Nov. 13,	" "	No. 2	60 00	
Dec. 21,	" "	No. 3	70 00	
1876.				
Feb. 9,	" "	No. 4	30 00	
May 12,	" "	No. 5	80 00	
Sept. 11,	" "	No. 6	25 00	
" 16,	" "	No. 7	50 00	355 00
Oct. 17,	Balance in hands of Treasurer			$54 39

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

GEO. W. HENSEL,
WM. A. WILT.

Oct. 17, 1876.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treas., in account with Library Fund of Theological Seminary.*

DR.

1875.			
Oct. 26,	For balance due per report to Board		$65 49
1876.			
Mar. 29,	For interest on	P. Fisher's Bond to April 1, 1876	60 00
April 1,	" "	John Miley's Bond to April 1, 1875	30 00
" 6,	" "	E. J. Zahm's Bond to April 1, 1876	7 50
" 10,	" "	A. B. Wingerd's Bond to April 1, 1876	26 30
			$189 29

Oct. 17, To balance in hands of Treasurer $31 45

CR.

1875.			
Nov. 18,	By amount paid	Rev. F. A. Gast's bill	$ 1 50
Dec. 7,	" "	Pilger Buchhandlung's bill and Ex.	5 10
" 27,	" "	Ditto ditto	2 90
" 27,	" "	J. Wiley's & Son's bill	11 00
1876.			
March 3,	" "	F. W. Christern's bill	9 00
April 8,	" "	Reformed Church Publication Board	4 28
" 13,	" "	F. A. Gast's Ex. charges	0 62
" 13,	" "	J. M. Stoddart & Co.'s bill	18 00
" 19,	" "	Reformed Church Publication Board bill	0 75
" 24,	" "	Robert Clark & Co.'s bill	8 00
May 22,	" "	F. W. Christern's bill	2 00
" 22,	" "	Scribner, Welford & Co.'s bill	4 80
June 8,	" "	Inquirer Printing Co.'s bill	71 00
" 9,	" "	Penn'a. R. R. Co.'s bill	1 04
		Carried forward	$139 99

	Amount brought forward	$139 99
:1, By Amount paid	Pilger Buchhandlung's bill	11 10
:5, " "	J. M. Stoddart & Co.'s bill Ex	6 75
7, " "	Balance due by Treasurer	31 45
		$189 29

: undersigned, Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's ac-
; and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

GEO. W. HENSEL,
WM. A. WILT.

'. 17, 1876.

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b) *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

the Rev. Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.
ethren:—The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at
ıster respectfully present the following as their annual report:
ıring the past year the number of students on the roll of the
ıary was thirty-two, eleven in the Senior, ten in the Middle and
n in the Junior Class. All have been in attendance with the
ıtion of Nevin H. Fisher, who, after passing through the Junior
diddle Classes, left for Europe about one year ago, where he has
then been pursuing his theological studies at the Universities of
any.

the opening of the Seminary in September, 1875, eleven new
nts were admitted. Their names are as follows: Adam J. Bach-
Henry Edgar Cook, John M. Evans, Benjamin B. Ferree,
ırick B. Hahn, S. Sidney Kohler, J. Hiester Leinbach, Samuel M.
ɜr, John S. Wagner, Daniel E Rupley and W. Henry Xanders.
one exception, they are all graduates of Franklin and Marshall
ge, and about half of them received assistance from the Church
g their preparation for the Seminary.

e Senior Class, having completed their studies and sustained a
ıctory examination, received the usual Certificate of Dismission
Recommendation for Licensure. They are, John Jacob Crist,
ı H. Diefenderfer, Joseph E. Freeman, G. Dickie Gurley, Geo.
artzel, J. William Knappenberger, A. K. Kline, Thos. N. Reber,
W. Roth and D. Besore Shuey. Of these, three received the
ıt of the special course of study provided for those, who have not
'ed a classical education, and the rest are graduates of the college.
xcept one are engaged in the active duties of the ministry, filling
cancies in its ranks, occasioned by death or other causes. Most
ɜm received the aid of the Church during their preparatory
ɜs.

e past year has been one of peace and prosperity to the Seminary.
tudents as a body have been faithful and diligent in the prose-
ı of their studies, and their general Christian conduct in harmo-
th their profession and position as candidates for the ministry.
ı have been fewer absences from the Seminary on the part of the
nts, and fewer interruptions in the regular course of study than

formerly. The health of the professors has been good, and they have been enabled to attend to their several duties with commendable zeal and with good fruits as the results of their labors. For these indications of the divine favor resting on our school of the prophets, we have reasons to be thankful as a Church. But it is plain, that the number of those, who annually leave the Seminary to enter the ministry, is not what it ought to be. The growing wants of the Church and the necessity for its extension require that this annual supply of new laborers should be increased. Our missionary fields whitening for the harvest make this necessary, and so also the division of large charges and the supply of destitute places where new congregations might be organized. As a denomination we have succeeded in giving our candidates for the ministry the necessary literary and theological training. But what is now greatly needed is, that the number as well as the qualifications of our ministry, should be enlarged. If we once succeed in bringing about that result, a new era of growth and prosperity will, under the divine blessing, dawn upon us. In this respect much remains still to be done. May we feel as a Church that we are called upon anew to work and pray that the Lord of the harvest may send more laborers into His harvest!

As the theological professors sustain a relation to all of the three Synods represented in the Board, the question has been raised in different directions, whether they should not hold their ecclesiastical connection with different Synods, instead of all belonging to the same Synod and the same Classis as they do now. The Board, after due consideration, have concluded to refer the whole subject to the favorable attention of the several Synods.

As a Board of Education, we report that there have been eight beneficiaries under its care, only two of the Classes belonging to this Synod operating through the Board. Of these, one has finished his studies and entered the ministry. The amount received by the Treasurer, including the balance of $628.47 of last year, is $1,771.31; disbursed $895.35; and balance in the treasury $875.96, which is reserved towards the payment of a note given by the Treasurer of the Board for $1,000, which must soon be met. For further information the Synod is referred to the annual statement of the Treasurer, accompanying this report.

The members and officers of the Board are the same as those of the previous year.

All of which is hereby respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL,
Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Education of the Reformed Church in the United States in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

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By balance in Treasury, Nov. 1st, 1875,		$628 47
By cash received from the Classis of Lebanon,		300 00
" "	Phila.	44 87
" "	East Susq.	2 00
" "	West Susq	302 85
" "	Tohickon,	215 25
" "	Maryland,	25 41
Interest on Klopp legacy,		40 00
" from Publication Board,		128 33
" Gerhart legacy (3 years,)		19 43
" from Treas. on bal'ce of last year,		37 70
Dividends Harrisburg Bank,		27 00
		$1771 31

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To cash paid beneficiaries of Classis of Lebanon		$300 00
	West Susquehanna,	257 50
	Tohickon,	248 60
	Maryland,	25 00
	Interest on note,	60 00
	Expenses for Express, etc.	4 25
	Balance on Treasurer,	875 96
		$1771 31

Examined and found correct.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 3rd, 1876. THEODORE APPEL.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary would report the folling:

The documents placed in our hands were the reports of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors, together with the reports of the Treasurers of these Boards. From these we learn, that our Theological Seminary is prospering.

From the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, it appears that there is a balance due him of $1,312.40. As an offset to this, however, there is about $ 1,350 due him on interest.

The following named Classes are in arrears on interest on the Tutorship Fund, viz.:

[illegible]	Oct. 1, 1875.	407 50
[illegible]	July 1, 1874	60 00
[illegible]	" 25, 1874.	67 00
[illegible]	Sept. 20, 1874.	131 95
		$666.45

[illegible] the following for adoption, viz.:

[illegible] within bounds of this Synod, which are [illegible] be earnestly requested to pay both [illegible] any day as possible.

[illegible] Seminary, notwithstanding the stris- [illegible] encouraging [illegible] of Visitors, we learn, that the in- [illegible] Seminary is [illegible] prosperous and [illegible] during the past year was thirty-two. [illegible] under the care of the Board. [illegible] studies and entered upon the active [illegible] report of the Board of Visitors, the [illegible] the attention of the Synod:—The [illegible] Seminary at present, sustain a relation [illegible] the Board, and the question has [illegible] whether they should not hold their [illegible] different Synods, instead of all belonging [illegible] Classis as they do now. The Board [illegible] favorable attention of the several

[illegible] the following for adoption:

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[illegible] of the Seminary your Committee [illegible] adoption:

[illegible] expresses its gratitude to Almighty [illegible] the Church for the circumstances of [illegible] our Theological Seminary at Lancaster,

[illegible] commends the Theological Seminary, [illegible] prayers and increased support of [illegible] of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

L. K. Evans,
D. B. Albright,
D. Y. Heisler,
A. Hersch,
F. F. Butz,
} *Committee.*

I. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.

The entire Board last year was continued, namely, Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, James Cushwa, Edward J. Zahm, Charles Santee, John Heilman, Owen L. Schriber, William A. Wilt, John B. Roth, George W. Hensel, William H. Seibert, David B. Langer, William J. Baer, Thomas J. Craig, William E. Schmertz, Frederick H. Stauffer and Aaron G. Renninger.

Board of Visitors.

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Amos H. Kremer, D. D., Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner, Charles F. McCauley, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., Jacob O. Miller, D. D., William K. Zieber, D. D., John M. Titzel, and John Beck, D. D., of the former Board, were continued. In the place of the two whose names are omitted, the Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach and Thomas J. Barkley were elected.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary, who were instructed to arrange the papers of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, and have them bound in volumes, reported progress, and were continued with instructions to complete the object of their appointment.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be requested to inform the Synod of the Potomac of the ratio of members to represent it in the Board of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, to which it is entitled, and request it to nominate persons to fill the vacancies in its representatives as they occur in the Board.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The following report of the Superintendent of Missions addressed to the three Synods, was received, read and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., The Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—The articles of agreement between the three Synods, combining to form "an organic union in

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Reading, Pa.—St. John's,

Philadelphia, Pa.—St. John's, Rev. J. G. Noss, pastor. Has been holding its own as to membership; possibly gained somewhat; and has considerably improved its property. Its field is large, but rather difficult to utilize. The membership is earnest and united. Appropriation old, $400; new, $300. English.

Philadelphia, Pa.—St. Stephen's, Rev. A. Romich, pastor. From October to April, the appropriation was at the rate of $200 a year. At that time the congregation passed over to the German Philadelphia Classis; and at the same time off our Board.

Wyoming, Del.—St. John's, Rev. W. F. Lichliter, pastor, until Sept. 1st. Vacant since, though about obtaining a pastor again. Progress has been made during the year. The membership numbers fifty-seven; a goodly gain over last year's report. The location of this mission gives it special importance for the future of the Reformed Church in the State of Delaware. App. $300. English.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Second church, Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor. A long step forward has been taken by this congregation. It has purchased a large new church-building in an excellent location. By the sale of the old property, it expects to meet the cost of the new. The congregation and Sunday-school are in good condition. App. $300. English.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Zwingli, Rev. M. Noll, pastor. This congregation has been engaged, during the summer, in finishing the upper or main audience room of its church. It has just been dedicated. The interest does not seem to have material at hand to grow fast, but it has, nevertheless, had a quiet, healthy progress. App. $225. German.

Columbia, Pa.—Rev. Conrad Clever, pastor. I repeat simply what I said a year ago: This mission is "prosperous." App. old, $150; new, $100. English.

Hazleton Pa.—Emanuel's. Lately served by the Rev. I. E. Graeff. Now vacant. The debt on this interest seems to be the sole obstacle in the way of its becoming self-supporting at once. The matter is in the hands of a Committee of Classis. App. $100. German and English.

Overton, Pa.—Served by Rev. J. H. Schlappig, until August. Vacant since. At my suggestion a committee has been appointed by East Susquehanna Classis, with power to connect other congregations with this charge, and so make it self-sustaining. What can be done is not clear yet. App. $75. German and English.

Liverpool, Pa.—Rev. W. Donat, pastor. By request of West Susquehanna Classis, the appropriation has been continued for another year, from June, 1876, when the field is to be declared self-sustaining. App. $80. German and English.

Lock Haven, Pa.—Church of the Resurrection. Rev. F. F. Christine, pastor. This congregation was served for one year by Rev. J. W. Pontious. In that time much work was done. The communicant membership was increased from twenty to forty-three. A flourishing Sunday-school was established; and full forty of its children are

baptized members of the Church. Ill health led the pastor to resign in June. Since July 1st, the congregation has been in charge of Rev. F. F. Christine, who was lately ordained and installed by the Classis. He reports favorably. App. old, $500; since July $400. English.

2. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Within the bounds of this Synod, the Board has had *twelve* missions, for the whole or part of the year, under its care.

Kittanning, Pa.—Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, pastor. Has continued, as before, prosperous. Presumably will be self-supporting within the coming year. App., old, $225; since June, 1876, only $165. English.

Titusville, Pa.—The fortunes of this congregation have been various; so much so as to make it difficult for the Board to know what to do in its case. For some time past, it has been supplied under the supervision of a Committee of St. Paul's Classis. The Executive Council has passed a resolution authorizing the said Classis to pay the supply, Rev. C. A. Limberg, at the rate of $150 a year, and deduct the same from its apportionment for missions. With better times in the oil regions, it is hoped this congregation will become permanently established, and save for itself its beautiful and valuable property. German.

Meadville, Pa.—Rev. D. D. Leberman, pastor. Prosperous. Became self-supporting in the spring. Former app. $150. German and English.

Cumberland, Md.—Rev. F. R. Schwedes, pastor. This interest has come to a healthy and steady growth. The pastor serves also in connection with it a congregation, established by him in Keyser City. It has cost much labor and means to bring the Reformed Church to a solid basis in Cumberland, but our perseverance is beginning to bring its reward. Our people there propose to purchase a suitable burying-ground, a matter of special importance, as experience shows, to a German congregation. App, old, $100; new, $350. German.

Scottdale, Pa.—Until September, under the pastoral care of Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger. Vacant since, but expecting to have the services of a pastor shortly again in the person of Rev. S. Z. Beam, of Michigan. Has fifty-one confirmed members; one hundred Sunday-school scholars. Has as yet more debt on its property than is desirable. This interest has been growing from the start. App. $300 until September; since then $250. English.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Trinity, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, pastor. Growing, though slowly, during the year. Much affected by the hard times. It has much in its favor for the future. Confirmed members seventy; unconfirmed sixty-two; Sunday-school scholars eighty-five. App. old, $300; new, $250. English.

Zion's, Rev. H. D. Darbaker, pastor. This brother became the successor of Rev. Dr. Russell, last January. He has labored

h reasonable success so far. The membership is small, thirty-four; t has zeal, a good, well located property, and no heavy debt. p. old, $400; new, $300. English.

I may here remark, that the movement spoken of last year, to unite inity and Zion's under one pastor, was not found feasible. Unforeen difficulties obstructed the effort.

St. Paul's, Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus, pastor. The report from this gregation speaks of progress upon the whole. The membership s grown. Its financial affairs are, however, not all that could be deed. App. $200. German.

St. James, Rev. C. Boerchers, pastor. This congregation has proved very much in Christian life and spirit. Its membership has en to eighty-nine confirmed, and fifty-eight unconfirmed. App. 00. German.

St. Luke's, Vacant, but supplied during the year by Rev. J. W. Ebinghaus of St. Paul's Church. German.

Triadelphia, W. Va.—Rev. Louis Müller, pastor. Owing to the ganization of a congregation in Wheeling, last autumn, by its pas-r, there has not been any appropriation extended since October, 75. Brother Müller has done a good work, especially in Wheeling. erman.

Helvetia, W. Va.—Formerly under the pastoral care of Rev. A. ern. Supported, by agreement, during the past year by the St. hn's Classis, Ohio Synod, from the bounds of which many of the embers had come. German.

The congregations of the five last named missions, viz.: St. Paul's, James' and St. Luke's, Pittsburgh, and Triadelphia and Helve-, W. Virginia, belong to the German Classis of West Pennsylvania, d hence, by request, are to be transferred to the Board of Missions the German Eastern Synod, to whose jurisdiction said Classis w belongs. Our Executive Council has consented to, and authorized is transfer, to take effect October the 1st, 1876.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Within the bounds of this Synod there are *eight* Missions under e care of our Board.

Duncannon, Pa.—Vacant for a whole year. Since September, under e pastoral care of Rev. U. H. Heilman. While vacant the Mission as supplied with service, mainly by students from the Theological eminary at Lancaster. The new pastor finds the people active d feels greatly encouraged. App. $300. English and German

Winchester, Va.—Rev. C. G. Fisher, pastor. This charge is still king progress. Its most immediate need would seem to be a parnage. That is of first account, in the circumstances, to give it an ablished character. App., old, $350; new, $300. English.

Orbisonia, Pa.—Rev. J. M. Schick, pastor. A mission along the

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been purchased, and a brick church-building is in course of erection. No appropriation has been asked for. The services are mainly held in English.

Washington, D. C.—It gives me unfeigned pleasure, to be able to say, that the outlook for an English congregation in this city has become very good. Long neglect, all sorts of difficulties, doubt and irresolution stood in the way. Yet a substantial triumph has been won. We have now at least forty names of persons likely to identify themselves with an English Reformed congregation, and at our first service, we had an attendance of twenty in the morning, and thirty-five in the evening, almost every one of whom intending to go with the interest. At our next service we shall take into consideration the propriety of at once organizing. Some delay was deemed best in order to give all our people in Washington, an opportunity to attend, before it should take place. The Committee of Maryland Classis has given me efficient aid. We ask the hearty interest of the whole Church in this enterprise.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—At my last visit to this place, it was agreed that an organization should be deferred until winter or the late autumn, owing to the evil times, from which our members there were especially suffering. This was the request of the people themselves. I take it that now we would better go forward with an organization at an early day. Doubtless, in this the Mission Committee of East Susquehanna Classis, will co-operate with me very cheerfully. An appropriation of $400 has been made for this place, to take effect whenever a Missionary is put in charge. English.

SUMMARY.

Mission in Synod in the U. S.	17
" " Pittsburgh Synod.	12
" " Synod of the Potomac	8
" under special care of Superintendent	3
Total	40

Missions Passing off the Board.

Meadville, Pa.,	Self-supporting,	June, 1876.
Triadelphia, W. Va.,	"	October, 1875.
Allentown, Pa.,	Salem, Self-supporting from beginning.	
Philadelphia, St. Stephen's,	Self-supporting,	April, 1876.
Pittsburgh, St. Paul's,	Transferred to Ger. East. Syn.,	October, 1876.
" St. James',	" " " "	1876.
" St. Luke's,	" " " "	1876.
Helvetia, W. Va.,	Transferred to St. John's Classis, O. Syn.,	" 1875.

FINANCES.

Our Board felt itself much hampered during the year, by the debt which came over from former years. Happily this is diminishing. Our estimated expense for the year was $9,500. Our actual expense has been $500 less. The following table will explain the particulars, as near as I can get at them:

Actual cost of Missions in Synod in the U. S.	$3,520 00
" " " " Pittsburgh Synod	2,210 00
" " " " Synod of the Potomac	1,770 00
Salary of Superintendent	1,200 00
Traveling expenses of Supt., Members of Board and Ex. Council, and salary of Stated Clerk	300 00
Total	$9,000 00

Over against this, we have had an income of full *eleven thousand dollars*, as will be seen in the report of the Treasurer, to which I refer the Synods. I think I do not assume too much, when I say at this point, that the Church is to be congratulated upon this result. Personally I feel greatly pleased with it, especially when the times, and the divisions and obstructions within ourselves are considered.

IOWA MISSIONS.

The Church is well acquainted with the history of the Missions in Iowa Classis, Ohio Synod. They have looked to the East for support, and have received it to a considerable extent, yet in a way that was likely at any time, to produce irritation. With the view of relieving this abnormal state of things, I entered some time ago, into correspondence with Rev. Dr. Williard, President of the Ohio Synod's Board of Missions, suggesting a transfer by said Board of the Missions in Iowa Classis, with their own consent, to our Board, and so opening up a normal way for help, from our Synods. The Ohio Synod's Board took favorable action, and passed the following resolution on the subject, which was also approved, at its late meeting, by our executive council.

"*Resolved*, That this Board gives its consent, that any or all of the Missions now in Iowa (the English Iowa Classis) be formally transferred to the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions, provided that said Missionaries or the Iowa Board of Missions make such request; in which case the officers of this Board are authorized to make the official transfer."

SUGGESTIONS.

1. To meet the current expenses of the coming year, and to pay the balance of our debt, we shall need an apportionment equal to the

last year. To the extent that charges pay up back apportionments, s will be enabled to enlarge our work. The Classes will look after is matter. Last year's apportionment was $15,000, as suggested; t the Pittsburgh Synod felt able to assume only $2500 instead of 200. On this basis I would recommend the following division.

Synod in U. S.	$9,000
Pittsburgh Synod	2,500
Synod of the Potomac	3,500
Total	$15,000

It is to be borne in mind, that, out of this sum, provision will have be made for work in the Iowa Classis, and that the separate drain pon our congregations for that interest will probably cease by next ring.

2. The Synods will otherwise learn, that the Executive Council, at s late meeting, passed a resolution by a majority vote, limiting, from December 1st, the time and salary of the Superintendent to such an xtent as to meet the demands of the office in connection with his ties to a regular charge, should he enter the pastorate. Personally I can only view such a step as relieving me from a great burden, orne for three years simply in devotion to a great and good cause, ith which my active life has been mainly identified. I have nothing o regret in this direction, and much to rejoice at. And yet I pposed the action of the Council, and shall give it no more than a egative assent, unless the Synods make it their own. In that case I hall still have doubts as to its wisdom, but shall give my hearty support to legitimate authority. My objections, among others, are these. 1) The Synods alone have the right to take absolute action in this se. The Superintendency holds from the Synods, which also elect he person filling it; not from the Executive Council or even the oard. If the Executive Council can do this, it can, by logical sequence, change the intent of any other fundamental article of the riginal agreement between the Synods; which means, again, that a ombination of two or three men may modify essentially the most ositive compacts. I can be no party to this. 2) My second objection is this. The step proposed is one backward, not forward. It is ne likely to be retraced again, one of these days. Time will ell. *Dixi.*

In closing I repeat the language of my last report. "Special thanks are due our Missionaries for their steady labors amid severe self-denial. The Lord will reward them."

Respectfully submitted.

F. K. Levan,
Superintendent of Missions.

The following is the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, accompanying the above report.

II. REPORT OF TREASURER.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United S

I have the honor to submit the following detailed statement of receipts and disbursements of the Board during the year en October 7th, 1876.

RECEIPTS.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Classis of Philadelphia (S. Schools, $9 74)	$264 11	
Classis of Goshenhoppen	1,114 12	
Classis of East Pennsylvania (S. Schools, $4 81)	812 93	
Classis of Tohickon	539 57	
Classis of Lebanon (S. Schools, $150.00)	1,495 33	
Classis of Lancaster (S. Schools, $67 47)	795 37	
Classis of West Susquehanna	551 19	
Classis of East Susquehanna	418 91	
Total from Synod of the U. S. (including S. Schools $232 02)		$5,991

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Classis of Zion (S. Schools, $13 39)	$745 96	
Classis of Maryland (S. Schools, $6 18)	977 54	
Classis of Mercersburg (S. Schools, 30 26)	148 14	
Classis of Virginia	192 39	
Total from Synod of Potomac (including S. Schools $49 83)		$2,064

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

Classis of Allegheny	$221 25	
Classis of Clarion	290 21	
Classis of Somerset	365 67	
From Treasurer of Synod	1,090 24	
Total from Synod of Pittsburgh		$1,9
Total from the three Synods (including Sunday-schools)		10,0
From Miscellaneous sources (includ' $38 05 from Cal. Missions).		3
Balance due the Board at date of last Report		1
Total from all sources		$10,

receipts from all sources as brought forward,		$10,555 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

orders of the Board during the year amounting to.....	$9,645 05	
Treasurer of Iowa Classis.....	277 03	$9,922 08
ice due the Board.....		$633 72

Respectfully submitted.
WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

hereby certify that I have audited the account of Wm. H. Sei- by vouchers and find the same to be correct, and a balance of undred and thirty-three dollars and seventy-two cents in the sury. $633.72, October 17th, 1876.

W. H. H. SNYDER.

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arly in the sessions, the Synod resolved to hold a meeting on Fri- evening for the discussion of topics relating to the subject of Mis- s, and instructed the Committee on Missions to prepare a pro- ame for the occasion.

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he Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing documents and ution were referred, submitted their report, which was received, n up item by item, amended and adopted. The report, as adopted, follows:

he Committee on Missions begs leave to report, that the following uments have come into its hands:—

The Report of the Treasurer of Missions.
The Report of the Superintendent of Missions.
A Resolution of Synod to arrange a Missionary Programme.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

rom these several papers the Committee feels warranted in assum- that the Missionary work, as carried forward during the last year r the auspices of the Synods, has by no means proven a fruitless

ie Treasurer reports the total sum of $10,555.80, which amount, gh by no means equal to our resources, is nevertheless gratifying, remember the diversion and division of our Missionary opera-

ie disbursements, according to the report of the Superintendent, laced at the even figures of $9000.00 This left a balance in possession of the Board of $1555.80, which amount has, however, expended in the liquidation of old debts.

THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD.

ie Board of Missions asks the sum of $15,000.00, for the purpose rrying forward the work in progress, more efficiently. In the

wisdom of this body, this amount has been apportioned among the several Synods after the following order :—

Synod in the United States	$9000.00
Pittsburgh Synod	2500.00
Synod of the Potomac	2500.00

RECOMMENDATIONS.

From what has been done during the year just closing, the Committee would recommend the assumption of the amount assigned to this Synod. There is encouragement to be derived from the facts, that of the forty Missions which have been under the fostering care of the Church, the Board feels warranted in saying, that eight stations have been transferred to the care of the German Synod, or become self-sustaining. In the room of these, four new ones have been established. The prospect is, that a number of promising points will be made to fruit shortly in large cities.

The Committee would recommend that the apportionment for this Synod be divided among the several Classes as follows :—

East Pennsylvania	$1800.00
Lebanon	2000.00
Philadelphia	500.00
Goshenhoppen	1000.00
Tohickon	900.00
East Susquehanna	1150.00
West Susquehanna	800.00
Lancaster	850 00
Total,	$9000.00

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

As to whether the Missionary Superintendent should be continued in the work to which he has been called, and in which he has been diligently engaged, the Committee would heartily adopt the action taken by the Synod of the Potomac in reference to the matter, to wit :—

"That this Synod regard the action of the Executive Council of the Ter-Synodic Board of Missions, in determining to abbreviate the services of the Superintendent, as inexpedient, even if they had the authority to do so before the expiration of the four years for which he was elected, and cannot, therefore, endorse that action."

PROGRAMME FOR THE MISSIONARY SESSION.

The Committee recommends the following Missionary Programme to be observed at the contemplated session on Missions :— That the subjects be,

'eign Missions. 2. Domestic Missions. That the Rev. Dr. Bomberger be the orator *Primarius*, and the Rev. Karl ›nekemper be his *Secundus*—in the discussion of Foreign :

he Rev. C. Cort be the orator *Primarius*, and the Rev. J. aker, *Secundus*, on the subject of Domestic Missions.
ommittee further recommends, that the designated speakers d to the time of twenty minutes; and that all volunteer be limited to ten minutes.
urther recommended, that a collection be taken for the fur- of our Missionary work.

IOWA MISSIONS.

ɜrence to the Iowa Missions, the following resolution is sub- ›r adoption :
ed, That out of the amount of Mission funds raised by this 500.00 shall be devoted to the support of Missions under of the Iowa Classis, if the Board deem it proper, this money hrough the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of the Gen- ›d.

Respectfully submitted.

C. Z. WEISER,
WM. H. GROH,
DAN'L SMALL,
} *Committee.*

eeting for the discussion of topics relating to Missions was ›roposed, and the discussion carried forward according to the ne prepared by the Committee on Missions. A collection in issions was taken up in connection with the services.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

'rustees of Synod submitted their Annual Report, accompa- h the Report of the Treasurer of Synod. It was received rred to the Committee on Finance, except the nominations for he vacancy occurring in the Board, which was referred to the ee on Nominations. The report is as follows :

Rev. Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

Board of Trustees of Synod beg leave to present the following

Board is at present constituted of the following persons :

John J. Nissley,	whose	term	will	expire	January	1, 1877.
Samuel Kuhn,	"	"	"	"	"	1, 1878.
George W. Hensel,	"	"	"	"	"	1, 1879.
C. H. Leinbach,	"	"	"	"	"	1, 1880.
George H. Small,	"	"	"	"	"	1, 1881.

As Mr. Nissley's term will expire on the first day of January, 1877, we respectfully propose the names of William H. Seibert of Harrisburg, Pa., and James T. Reber of Reading, Pa., to fill the vacancy.

In pursuance with the instructions of Synod, convened in Lancaster city, Pa., in the month of November, 1875, that this Board shall effect a loan to the amount of $5000, to be paid over to the Board of Publication, we are happy to report, that on the eleventh day of April, 1876, said loan was effected, and paid over to the proper authority as designated by Synod. The money was procured from Mr. George Fox of Hummelstown, Pa, at six per cent. interest, to be paid semi-annually. Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL KUHN, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GEORGE W. HENSEL, *Treasurer Synod Reformed Church in the United States.*

FOR CONTINGENT FUND.

DR.

1875.				
Nov. 15,	To Cash re'd from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq, for old balance			$25 00
1876.				
May 29,	"	"	West Susquehanna Classis per Rev. U. H. Heilman, on account	46 00
Sept. 22,	"	"	Lebanon Classis per Rev. H. Mosser, on account	100 00
Oct. 3,	"	"	Lancaster Classis Rev. A. H. Kremer on account	33 00
" 11,	"	"	Goshenhoppen Classis per D. B. Mauger, Esq., in full	110 00
" 16,	"	"	George Fox, Esq., donation	5 00
" 25,	"	"	West Susquehanna Classis per Rev. Geo. E. Addams, on account	11 37
" 26,	"	"	Tohickon Classis per Elias Shellenberger, Esq., on account of old balance	15 00
" 26,	"	"	East Pennsylvania Classis per Rev. John Beck, in full	240 00
" 28,	"	"	Lebanon Classis per Rev. H. Mosser, on account	50 00
" 31,	"	"	East Susquehanna Classis per Geo. Hill, Esq., on account	125 00
				$760 37

75. CR.

r. 2,	By balance due to Treasurer	$24 63
:. 16,	" Cash paid Rev. E. E. Higbee, member of Hymn-Book Committee, in full	15 00
76.		
y 10,	" " Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, for traveling expenses in securing loan	5 25
t. 7,	" " Rev. John Beck, member of Hymn-Book Committee, in full	7 00
t. 3,	" " Rev. S. R. Fisher, for services as Stated Clerk of Synod, translating, postage, &c., in full	135 50
"	" " Rev. F. A. Gast, Prof. in Theological Seminary, on account of appropriation by Synod	50 00
t. 9,	" " Rev. L. K. Evans, $3.90, and Elder Jacob Roath, $1.50, members of Committee on Semi-Centennial Theological Seminary	5 40
t. 27,	By Cash paid Reformed Publication Board, for printing Minutes of Synod, in full	300 00
ov. 2,	" " Rev. F. A. Gast, Prof. in Theological Seminary, balance of appropriation, in full	150 00
"	" " Geo. W. Hensel & Son, for stationery, postage and check stamps	4 00
		$696 78
v. 2,	Balance in hands of Treasurer	63 59
		$760 37

ON ACCOUNT OF BOARD PUBLICATION.

75. DR.

ril 11,	To Cash received from Geo. Fox, Esq., loan ordered by Synod at Lancaster	$5,000 00
. 3,	" " Rev. J. F. Wiant, Agent for Publication Board	150 00
		$5,150 00

75. CR.

ril 18,	By Cash paid Rev. S. R. Fisher, Treasurer of Reformed Church Publication Board	$5,000 00
. 5,	" " Geo. Fox, Esq., 6 months' interest on loan	150 00
		$5,150 00

FOR SEMINARY.

75. DR.

c. 27,	To Cash received of B. Wolff, Jr. for 6 months' interest on Wm. Heyser's Mortgage	$135 00
76.		
. 22,	" " Wm. L. Heyser, for 3 months' interest on J. Heyser's Mortgage	75 00
ril 4,	" " B. Wolff, Jr., for 6 months' interest on Wm. Heyser's Mortgage	135 00
	Carried forward	$345 00

1876.	Amount brought forward	$345 00
April 25,	To cash received of Wm. L. Heyser, for 3 months' interest on J. Heyser's Mortgage	75 00
Oct. 7,	" " Wm. L. Heyser, for 6 months' interest on J. Heyser's Mortgage	150 00
" 7,	" " B. Woolf, Jr., for 6 months' interest on Wm. Heyser's Mortgage	135 00
April 27,	" " 6 months' interest on Northern Central R. R. Bond	30 00
" 27,	" " 6 months' interest on "Cook Legacy"	39 03
Oct. 13,	" " 6 months' interest on Northern Central R. R. Bond	30 00
" 13,	" " 6 months' interest on "Cook Legacy"	27 00
" 24,	" " 18 months' interest on "Gerhart Legacy"	29 43
		$860 46

CR.

1875. Nov. 2,	By Balance due Treasurer	$104 29
1876. April 28,	" Cash paid John B. Roth, Esq., Treasurer of Theological Seminary, 6 months' interest on Kieffer and Cook Legacies, and 6 months' interest on Northern Central R. R. Bond	354 03
Oct. 14,	" Ditto, ditto, ditto	342 00
" 27,	" Cash paid Rev. S. R. Fisher, Treasurer to Board of Education, 3 years' interest on Gerhart Donation	19 43
"	" Cash paid W. H. Seibert, Treasurer to Board of Domestic Missions, 3 years' interest on Gerhart Donation	19 43
"	" Cash paid T. J. Craig, Treasurer to Board of Foreign Missions, 3 years' interest on Gerhart Donation	19 43
		$858 61
Nov. 2,	By Balance in hands of Treasurer	1 85
		$860 46

The following Classes are in arrears, viz.—

East Susquehanna	$93 25
West Susquehanna	66 63
Lebanon	90 00
Philadelphia	162 00
Tohickon	110 00
Lancaster	134 00
	$655 88

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. HENSEL, *Treasurer.*

QUARRYVILLE, Nov. 2d, 1876.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report. It was received and adopted. The report is as follows :

Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following as port:

Report of the Treasurer of Synod is the only document that referred to us.

xamined the account of the Treasurer and found its columns y added.

vouchers accompanied the report, it could not be expected audit the account.

um required by the Treasurer to meet the expenses of the or the current year is said to be about $1500. To meet this recommend that the following amounts be apportioned among rent Classes, namely:

nnsylvania	$260 00
	260.00
ioppen	120.00
n	120.00
r	180.00
iquehanna	196.00
"	135.00
phia	175.00
Total	$1446.00

llowing Classes are in arrears; viz.:

isquehanna	$ 66.63
"	93.25
	90.00
phia	162.00
n	110.00
r	134.00
Total	$655.88

Respectfully submitted.

Jno. P. Stein,
H. W. Super,
D. W. Gross,
Isaac McHose,
} *Committee.*

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ection was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of of Synod. Rev. Alfred J. G. Dubbs, Jonathan E. Hiester, r Abraham Hersh were appointed tellers, who received the ounted them, and reported the result through the President l. The election resulted in the choice of James T. Reber of , Pa.

Rev. Franklin J. Mohr and Elder John Morey were appointed a committee to collect an assessment of fifty cents from each member of Synod, to defray the immediate contingent expenses of the present sessions. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to collect the assessment on members of Synod, would respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, the result being twenty-nine dollars, which amount is herewith handed over to Synod less one dollar paid to the Stated Clerk for expenses incurred in printing copies of Nominations for the use of Synod. Respectfully submitted.

F. J. Mohr.

The proceeds of the collection were directed to be paid over to the pastor of the Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., for distribution.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported as irregularities, the fact, that the East Susquehanna Classis received the Rev. Julius C. J. Kurtz, but failed to state from what body he was received, and that the Classes of Lancaster and Tohickon failed to have their Minutes present at the opening of the sessions of Synod. The judgment of the Committee was affirmed.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported as an irregularity, the fact, that the Classis of East Pennsylvania confirmed a call, which was not signed by the Consistories of all the congregations constituting the charge. This item was referred to a committee consisting, of the Rev. John K. Millet, John W. Steinmetz, and Elder Daniel W. Gross, who submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred an item from the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, beg leave to offer the following:

Although the action of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, confirming a call from only a part of a pastoral charge, is irregular, according to a necessary principle involved in the Constitution of our Church, Classis, nevertheless, under the peculiar circumstances in the case, was justified in taking such action, and that the confirmation of said call is, therefore, valid to all intents and purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. K. Millet,
Jno. W. Steinmetz,
D. W. Gross,
} *Committee.*

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported an appeal of the Rev. William W. Clouser from the action of the Classis of West Susquehanna in the case of the White Deer congregation. It was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., Daniel F. Brendle and Elder David B. Mauger, to examine the papers in the case, and if found in order, to report the manner in which the case shall be prosecuted before Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to report on the appeal of Rev. William W. Clouser from the decision of the West Susquehanna Classis in what is known as "The White Deer" case, respectfully report, that They have examined the minutes of the proceedings and find that the appeal is in order. They recommend that the hearing of the case be made the order of the day for Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, and that the following order shall be observed:

1. The papers pertaining to the case shall be read.
2. The appellant shall be allowed a half hour to maintain his appeal.
3. The Classis, through its delegates appointed for the purpose, shall be allowed a half hour to defend its action.
4. Members of Synod shall then be allowed five minutes each to speak on the case.
5. The decision shall then be taken by calling the roll—the members of Synod voting sustained or not sustained.

T. G. Apple,
S. K. Gross,
D. B. Mauger, } *Committee.*

At the time appointed for hearing the appeal, it was taken up. In the absence of the appellant on account of sickness, and in accordance with his request, the Rev. J. Caspar Bucher, D. D., and Thomas G. Apple, D. D., were appointed his counsel to prosecute the case. Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker appeared as counsel in behalf of the Classis. The documents in the case were read, except the evidence which was objected to by the counsel of the appellant, because the copy of the testimony before Synod, was not officially certified by the Clerk of the Classis, which objection was sustained by the chair. The several parties were then heard, after which the members of Synod were afforded an opportunity to express their views, of which a number of them availed themselves. The Synod then proceeded to vote, when it was decided that the appeal be not sustained by the following vote:

Sustained: A. B. Koplin, John O. Johnson, James A. Shultz, John P. Stein, Isaac McHose, John Meily, Conrad Clever, Adam Hersh, L. Kryder Evans. 9.

Not Sustained: Thomas S. Johnston, Jonathan E. Hiester, John W. Steinmetz, Daniel Small, William Sorber, John H. A. Bomberger, Henry W. Super, Samuel R. Fisher, William Posey, George A. Snyder, Abraham Bausman, John K. Millet, William G. Engle,

were appointed this committee, who s
was received and then recommitted fo
G. Apple, D. D., and Joseph G. Shoe
mittee. The committee as thus enl
report, which was received and adopte

Your committee on the Clouser app
thereon, would report, that;

1. In regard to the meaning of the
action of West Susquehanna Classis,—
no further expression is necessary on t

2. That, in view of the difficulties c
recommends to West Susquehanna Cla
ing, and repealing, so much of their a
fession from both parties.

Respectfully submi

The following additional resolution v

Resolved, That in the decision of S
Clouser appeal, this Synod did not inte
Caspar Bucher, D. D., or the Rev. Wi
taken by either of them, in connection

The following resolutions were adopt

Resolved, That the attention of the (

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Rev. ›hn G. Noss complained to Synod against the action of the Classis ' Philadelphia in licensing certain persons to preach the Gospel; ıd the Classis of Philadelphia also complained against the action of ıe East Pennsylvania Classis, in refusing to receive the licentiate lahlon H. Mishler, who had been regularly dismissed by it to said lassis. These complaints were referred to a committee consisting of ›e Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., Daniel F. Brendle, and Elder Da-id B. Mauger, who submitted the following report, which was ceived and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of Rev. John). Noss against the action of the Philadelphia Classis find that the mplaint was regularly made, and is, therefore, in order. The com-nittee recommend, that the action of Classis, against which complaint ı made, be read, after which the complainant be allowed a half hour ı state his grievance, and the Classis a half hour to reply, after which he Synod shall take such action as it may deem proper in the case.

In regard to the complaint of the Philadelphia Classis against the ast Pennsylvania Classis for refusing to receive its licentiate Mahlon .. Mishler, your committee are of the opinion, that the East Pennsyl-ınia Classis erred. A complaint does not stay action, as in the case of an ›peal. The East Pennsylvania Classis could still have declined to ordain .e licentiate after he was received until the complaint was heard by ynod. But as it appears that the young man was dismissed to an-her Classis in the bounds of which he was called to labor, and that ›thing now depends on the refusal of the East Pennsylvania Classis, e deem no further action necessary than this declaration of Synod, ıat the East Pennsylvania Classis erred in the case.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. G. APPLE,
D. F. BRENDLE.

It was made the order of the day at the opening of Monday afternoon ssion, to hear the complaint of the Rev. John G. Noss. At the hour ap-›inted, the complaint was taken up. No one, however, appearing to rosecute the complaint, it was considered as abandoned, and hence smissed.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In the early part of the sessions of Synod, its attention was called a request from the pastors of the Reformed Churches in Reading,

1. "Special duties of the
of the Church"—*Primarius*,
Rev. Dr. Henry W. Super.

2. "Importance of a Teac
conducting it." *Primarius*,
William Sorber.

3. "The relation of the P
us, Rev. Dr. Thomas G. App

4. "Hymns and Music ap
Rev. David Van Horne; *Se*

They further recommend,
the day, for this evening's s
appointed to open the discus
others five minutes.

Respectfu

At the time appointed, Th
relating to Sunday Schools, v
order proposed by the comm

The following resolutions v

Resolved, That a committe
of subjects in relation to Sun
annual sessions of Synod.

The committee called for
James Crawford, James G. D

Resolved, That the Rev. I
quested to furnish a copy o

to the continuance of the present members of the Board, whic.
'erred to the Committee on Nominations. The report is as fol-

Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, the
:d of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States,
ectfully submits the following annual report:

Board held one special session soon after the last annual meet-
f the several Synods, and four regular quarterly meetings, at
: which the three Synods were represented, and earnest atten-
ıs given to matters relating to the interests of the Board.

operations of the year have been carried forward under the
ıntages incident to all business enterprises in the midst of the
ıed financial pressure of the times, and though the results are
favorable as was to have been desired, yet they are not without
ncouraging aspects.

n the Annual Statement of the Superintendent submitted at the
arterly meeting, which is full as to particulars, the following
ry is gathered, as indicating the financial condition of the
:

;eipts of the year	$39,391 33
bursements	37,479 86
Excess of receipts	$ 1,911 47

bilities reported October 1, 1875	$29,212 28
bilities reported October 1, 1876	27,011 44
Decrease	$ 2,200 84

Assets Oct. 1, '75..	$54,991 16	General Assets		$54,811 31
Assets Oct. 1, '76..	54,811 31	Add Real Estate		35,000 00
ase	$ 179 85			$89,811 31
		General Liabilities	$27,011 44	
		Add Mortgage	20,000 00	47,011 44
		Excess of Assets		$42,799 87

;ances of Treasurer, 1875	$14,268 87
;ances of Treasurer, 1876	12,357 40
Decrease in Advances	$1,911 47

ıgents of the Board have labored earnestly to collect outstand-
;s of the past, and to enforce cash in advance payments both
iodicals and books in the future. They have, however, met

with only partial success. These efforts are to be continued, and it is to be hoped, that, with the active co-operation of the friends of the publication enterprise of the Church, they will be attended with greater success.

The funds proposed to be furnished by the Synods of the Potomac and of the United States, were received, and are included in the general receipts of the Board.

Immediately at the first meeting after the adjournment of the Synods, the Board took measures to have its charter changed so as to conform to the arrangements entered into by the three Synods in regard to the publication interests represented in the Board. They have had to contend with the delays only too often incident to movements of this kind; but have still succeeded in getting the new Charter drawn up in form, and having it acknowledged before the Recorder of Deeds, so that it may be expected soon to receive the approval of the Courts, and go into full legal effect. A copy of the Charter accompanies this report. In view of the fact, that the new Charter has not yet obtained full legal sanction, the Board recommends to the Synods, that they continue their present representatives in the Board for another year.

The wishes expressed by the three Synods in regard to the publication of *The Messenger* have received the earnest attention of the Board. The Rev. Dr. Peter S. Davis, who had been chosen Editor-in-chief, with his assistants appointed by the three Synods respectively, entered upon their duties with the opening of the present year. The paper has appeared in an enlarged and much-improved form, and has, as far as is known, given general satisfaction. To accommodate a certain class of subscribers, the paper is issued in two editions, the one being a double, and the other a single sheet. A respectable addition has been made to the subscription list; but it must be still further increased, before a sufficient amount can be realized from receipts for subscription to cover the increased expenses of publication. It is to be hoped, that active measures will be taken by the respective Synods to aid the Board in their efforts to place *The Messenger* on a paying basis, by greatly extending its circulation.

Agreeably to the instructions of the Synod of the United States, the Board resumed the publication of the *Mercersburg Review*. An edition of five hundred copies has been issued. The subscription list has been slightly increased; but still not to an extent to make its receipts cover the expenses. It greatly needs increased co-operation on the part of its friends.

The *Lammerhirte* was transferred to the German Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio, with the opening of the year. The other periodicals of the Church, the *Guardian*, *Lesson Papers*, and *Child's Treasury*, meet with continued favor, and are accomplishing their purposed work in their respective spheres.

A change has taken place in the Business Agent of the Book Department. At the first quarterly meeting, J. David Miller, who

has occupied this position for a number of years, tendered his resignation, which went into effect on the 1st of April last. Charles H. Taylor was secured as his successor, who entered upon his duties on the 15th of May. He is well qualified for the position, and is prosecuting his duties with energy and efficiency. With a proper co-operation on the part of the Church, there is every reason to believe, that he will be able to make this department of our publication operations a decided success.

The Synod of the United States instructed the Board to appoint an agent to collect the monies to replace the amount borrowed by it for the use of the Board, as well as to work for the general interests of the establishment. The Board secured the services of the Rev. Jacob F. Wiant for this purpose, who entered upon his duties in February last. He has met with some success, especially as relates to advancing the general interests of the Board, and it is to be hoped his continued services may be secured. As his operations concern more especially the Synod of the United States, a separate report of them from him will be submitted to it.

With the above statement, the Board earnestly commends the publication interests of the Church, as entrusted to it, to the hearty and prayerful consideration of the respective Synods, and solicits their ardent prayers and continued active co-operation in its behalf.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. Gross, *President.*

Sam'l R. Fisher, *Secretary.*

The following is the report of the Rev. Jacob F. Wiant referred to in the report of the Board of Publication:

To the Reformed Church Publication Board:

Rev. and Dear Fathers and Brethren:—As Agent of the Publication Board I submit a brief statement as to my doings since I began the work of the agency.

Number of new subscriptions to our periodicals secured.....	252
Amount subscribed toward the debt.....	$886.11
" " but not yet paid.....	324.00
Total amount of cash received.....	$562.11

Of this amount $150.00 have been paid out as the semi-annual interest on the loan of $5000.00, authorized to be borrowed by the last meeting of Synod, leaving a balance of $412.11 in favor of the fund.

The actual work accomplished is much less than you had a right to expect, but I have tried faithfully to do my part, and if I am not the man to do the work, I will be very grateful if you will relieve me from the agency. As you know, from the first I doubted my fitness for the position, but in obedience to what appeared to me a clear case of duty I accepted the agency, believing the Synod meant what it said in its action. But from the conduct of some of the ministers of Syn-

od, I begin to doubt whether Synod acted in good faith. Some of my greatest discouragements have come from the doings of some of the very ministers, who helped to pass the resolution of Synod, authorizing the loan of $5000.00.

Some of the ministers have done all that could be asked to help me in the difficult work of the agency, and I shall always gratefully remember their hearty co-operation. If all had done so, much more would have been accomplished; for where the pastors do their part, I have met with reasonable success, and where the pastors have been indifferent, the success has been very indifferent, too. I could give instances of both cases.

With the hearty co-operation of the pastors in the bounds of the Synod, I believe that the amount can be raised in due time, besides the gain in the way of securing many new subscriptions to our periodicals.

The longer I am engaged in the work, the more I become convinced of the necessity of an active agent being out in the field. Though I may not be fitted for the agency, I am satisfied, that, in the present condition of our Church in Eastern Pennsylvania, some good agent is actually necessary to accomplish this work. But in the face of these convictions, I would gladly be relieved from the agency, and if you can see your way clear to let me off, I shall feel very thankful to you.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. WIANT, *Agent.*

The following is the copy of the new charter of the Board of Publication, for the legal sanction of which application has been made to the proper authorities, as stated in the report of the Board of Publication:

FORM OF CHARTER.

SECTION I. The name and title of this Corporation shall be "The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States."

SECTION II. Its object shall be the publication and sale of such works, permanent and periodical, as are adapted to promote sound learning and true religion.

SECTION III. This Corporation shall be constituted of a Board of Trustees consisting at present of Daniel W. Gross, George Gelbach, George W. Hensel, John W. Love, Barnard Wolff, Adam B. Wingerd, and Goldsboro S. Griffith, who shall hold their office until successors are duly qualified to take their places, to be chosen by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and such other Synod or Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States, as the Synods represented in the Corporation may see fit, by unanimous consent among themselves, to associate with them in the work of Publication, at such time and in such order, number, and manner, as

shall be mutually agreed upon by the aforesaid Synods: Provided, that not more than one-third of the Trustees shall be removed in any one year, and that at least two-thirds of the Trustees shall at all times be citizens of the State of Pennsylvania; vacancies, however, occurring by death, resignation, or disqualification under the By-Laws of this Corporation, may be filled by the Corporation itself, until the next annual meeting of the Synods, when it shall be competent for them to fill such vacancies in such manner as may have been provided for among themselves.

SECTION IV. The Trustees hereby incorporated and their successors, shall, subject to the supervision and direction of a majority of the Synods referred to in the previous Section, have full power to hold and manage the funds and property entrusted to them, and to conduct the particular business assigned to them, in such manner as shall be deemed most advantageous and not contrary to law. Provided always, the clear yearly income above expenses from the real and personal estate held by said Corporation shall not at any time exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and, Provided also, they shall not dispose of or encumber any of said real estate without first having obtained the consent of a majority of the Synods controlling the Corporation.

SECTION V. This Corporation shall have power, from time to time, to adopt such By-Laws as it may deem necessary for its government; and also to alter and amend the same as it may see fit, Provided they do not conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the United States, the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this Charter, and the Constitution and Laws of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The following report was received from the committee appointed to superintend the publication of the "Reformite Hausfreund," and referred to the Committee on Publication:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened at Reading, Pa.:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The undersigned, members of the Committee on the "Hausfreund," would respectfully report as follows:

The "Hausfreund" has been issued every two weeks. Although the subscription list has been purged of non-paying subscribers; the paper still retains a circulation of about 1950. The paper is free of debt, though it holds claims amounting to nearly $2000 against its subscribers.

The sum of $200 was appropriated through the Church Extension Board to St. John's Mission of this city. It continues to be edited by Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., assisted by a Committee from your Classes in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted.

E. W. REINECKE,
C. Z. WEISER,
JNO. W. STEINMETZ, } *Committee.*

The Committee on Publication, to whom the foregoing reports and documents were referred, submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, and then adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committe on Publication beg leave to submit the following report:

Four papers, viz.: 1. Annual Report of the Board of Publication. 2. Report of the Collecting Agent. 3. The New Charter. 4. Report of the Committe on the "Hausfreund," have been referred to us.

From the Annual Report of the Board, we learn that the Board held one special session, and four regular quarterly meetings, during the year, at which the Board gave earnest attention to our Publication interests.

1. *Church Periodicals.* The *Messenger*, the *Guardian*, the *Lesson Papers*, the *Child's Treasury*, and the *Review* have been regularly published during the year. These periodicals are well received by the Church, and are, as we hope, accomplishing a good work. The *Messenger* has been much improved both in matter and appearance. This improvement has increased the cost of its publication; so much so, that the subscription money is insufficient to sustain the paper, notwithstanding the fact that the subscription list has been increased by 791. The Board also informs us, that the subscription list of the *Mercersburg Review* is insufficient to cover the expenditure of its publication. Its subscription list has been increased somewhat. The subscription lists of the *Guardian*, the *Lesson Papers* and the *Child's Treasury* have all been increased and their publication cover more than their cost.

From the report of the Committee on the *Hausfreund*, your Committee learn, that the "Reformirte Hausfreund" has a circulation of 1950—that the paper is free of debt, and that $200 were appropriated through the Church Extension Board to the St. John's Mission of Reading, Pa.

Our Church Papers compare very favorably with similar papers of other denominations, so far as ability and appearance are concerned; and why they do not receive that support, which they ought to receive, and of which they are justly deserving, your Committee cannot tell. It is to be feared, that the Church as a Church, is not fully conscious of the great importance of its entire publication interest. It is evident, that something must be done to increase largely the circulation of our publications, and to awaken a general interest in our publication operations. This will require work, and this work must be done by some one. Mere resolutions of the Synod and the Classes will not accomplish it, or it would have been accomplished long ago. It is for Synod to devise ways and means to accomplish this desirable end.

2. *Financial condition of the Publication Interests.* From the report of the Board, we learn that the Receipts of the year have exceeded the disbursements to the amount of $1.911.47; that there has been a decrease in liabilities to the amount of $2.200.84. In the receipts

are included $5000 from the Synod in the United States and $2000 from the Synod of the Potomac, so that apparently the establishment has sunk $5000. This may be owing to the money pressure of the times.

We learn further from the same report, that the Total Assets of the Board at the present time are, $89,811.31, and the Total Liabilities $47,011.44, giving an excess of Assets over Liabilities in the amount of $42,799.87.

At the recommendation of the Synod, the Board sent out an agent to collect funds to pay the loan which the Synod of the United States effected. The agent reported that he secured $886.11, of which sum $562.11 was cash. That the proposed amount was not secured may be attributed to the money pressure of the times.

3. *The New Charter.* The Board has also transmitted to the Synod a copy of the new Charter, which has been drawn up in such a way, as to conform to the arrangements entered into by the three Synods in regard to the Publication interests represented in the Board. It is expected, that this Charter will before long receive the approval of the Courts.

Your Committee examined the new Charter and find it a good one. We recommend that it be approved by this Synod.

4. *Board of Publication.* The Board recommend, that the present representatives in the Board from the respective Synods be continued by them for another year, at the expiration of which time it is expected, that the way will be open for the new charter to go into effect.

Your Committee concur with the suggestion of the Board and recommend, that the present representatives of this Synod in the Board be re-elected by the Synod for another year.

The Committtee recommend the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be directed to continue its efforts to bring its business as much as possible on a cash basis

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board to urge all persons who are indebted to the Board, either for periodicals or on book accounts, to pay their dues immediately.

Resolved, That the Classes under the care of this Synod, be and are hereby requested to take such action, as will render aid to the Board of Publication in collecting its outstanding dues.

Resolved, That we recommend our Book Store to the favorable notice of the members of our Church and urge them to patronize it.

Resolved, That the Classes under the jurisdiction of this Synod are hereby requested to take such measures as they may deem best, in order to secure through their pastors or otherwise, the wider circulation of our Church periodicals.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. HIESTER,
T. S. JOHNSTON, } *Committee.*
HORATIO JONES,

No report was received
Synod, to co-operate with
edition of the "Hymns fo
committee, however, was c
with their work.

The Stated Clerk of Sy
instructions of Synod with
of the Minutes of its last a
was adopted in relation to
the present sessions:

Resolved, That the State
hundred copies of the proc
twelve hundred in the Eng
guage, and to distribute th

At the suggestion of the
dation of the Committee on
of this Synod in the Board

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The Stated Clerk reporte
tions given him by the Syn
giving certain suspended me
county, Pa., the necessary
taken by them, in order to
Church courts.

ollowing preamble and resolutions were adopted :
EAS, Mr. Frederick E. Vandersloot, formerly a member of
od, was, a number of years ago, suspended from the Christian
by the Zion's Classis, then a portion of this Synod, and
, he has resided within the bounds of this Synod for several
d his Christian deportment has been in every way such as to
l him to favor, therefore
ed, That this Synod respectfully request the Zion's Classis
p his case, and restore him to his position as a Christian min-
case they find no insuperable obstacles in the way of their so

ed, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to fur-
Zion's Classis with a copy of this action.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ollowing communication was received from the Bethany
' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., and referred to a committee, con-
f the Rev. George W. Snyder, William G. Engle, and Elder
nyder:
the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:
rs and Brethren, The undersigned, in behalf of the Board of
s of Bethany Orphans' Home, ask permission to lay before
erend body the following statement:
nstitution of charity was started in 1864 with one orphan.
ning dates back to the heart and home of Rev. J. Boehringer
delphia. With its stages of subsequent development the
is familiar. Since then 300 children have found a home and
under its tender care.
g the past year 5 orphans were received, 8 were dismissed
re expelled for gross misconduct. There are now 62 orphans
ome. Of these 17 were confirmed after long and thorough
on in the Catechism. The congregation of the Home now
30 members.
ealth of the orphans has been remarkably preserved. Besides
hool duties, the larger boys help to work the farm and the
girls render important service in the household work
ome. The farm has been much improved. Its large orchard
yard yielded a fine crop of fruit. The following is a summary
roducts:

Bushels of Wheat,	50	Bushels Apples,	
" Corn,	50	"	Rye,
" Oats,	50	"	Grapes,
" Potatoes,	32	"	Buckwheat,
" Peaches,	20	Tons Hay,	

tables sufficient for the use of the Home.

The wheat will be sufficient to furnish the Home with bread for the current year.

During the year, the Board received the Audenried legacy of $5000, less $250 for Collateral inheritance tax. Of this amount $4.000 was used to liquidate a payment on the farm, due October 1, 1876. One more payment of the same amount will become due October 1st, 1878.

The receipts for current expenses during the year ending with July 20 were: From congregations and individuals $4,750; from the State for Soldiers' Orphans $1,248.62; and from friends of some of the children who pay for their maintenance $410.50, amounting together to $6,409.12.

During the last few years, the Board has been obliged to contract a debt of over $2,000 for farm improvements, and to meet a deficit in receipts for current expenses During the year, this debt has been reduced in the amount of $437.73. Besides the payment still due on the farm, the Home has now a debt of nearly $1,600.

The Home feels the pressure of the times. The Board regrets that but few of the many orphans which apply for admission can be received. It has done its utmost to reduce the expenses of its management. Two female teachers are now doing the work, which formerly required two females and a male. The salaries have been reduced and the expenditures as far as possible diminished. We are eager to receive more orphans, as soon as the Church will furnish us the means for their support.

During the year a vacancy occurred in the Board of Managers through the death of Adam Leis, Esq. His place was filled by the election of Henry Wirt, Esq., of Hanover.

B. BAUSMAN, *President*,
D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Supt.*

The committee, to whom the foregoing document was referred, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Managers of the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, beg leave to report as follows:

The report is an encouraging one and should be carefully pondered by the Church. It will be seen from it, that the indebtedness of the Home is steadily decreasing, while, on the other hand, the productiveness of the farm is as steadily on the increase. This is certainly cause for rejoicing. The only thing to regret is, that the receipts of the Board from the Church warrant it to receive but few of the many orphans which apply for admission. This is, in part, owing to the pressure of the times, but we should also remember, that the cause of the orphan is the cause of our blessed Lord, who has said: "Inasmuch ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me." We, therefore, propose the emphatic reiteration of

on of last year: That this Synod renewedly commends the
y Home to the favorable regard and liberal support of all our
Consistories, Congregations, and Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. SNYDER,
W. E. ENGLE, *Committee.*

Committee on Nominations, to whom had been referred a com-
tion from the Corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh
in relation to the persons it desires to represent it in the
connected with the Theological Seminary at Lancaster; so
f the reports of the Trustees of Synod and of the Board of
ıtion, as relates to the filling of vacancies occurring in these
and the nomination of persons to fill the vacancies occurring
Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and
her nominations as are usually made for the election, held by
submitted their report on the morning of the fourth day of
ions, which was received, amended and adopted. The election
ered to take place on the morning of the fifth day of the ses-
t the opening of the session, and the Stated Clerk instructed
the requisite number of copies of the Nominations printed for
of Synod. The election was held at the time appointed. Rev.
J. G. Dubbs, Jonathan E. Hiester and Elder Adam Hersh,
ıpointed Tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and
l the result through the President of Synod, as found noted
case, in its appropriate place, except the filling of the vacan-
curring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall
, which resulted in the choice of Hon. John Cessna, Daniel
ıss and John C. Hager.

ımmittee, consisting of Elders David B. Mauger, Daniel W.
and John Meily, was appointed, to inquire into the feasibility
ıort on the propriety of releasing the Second Reformed Church
ding, Pa., from the obligation of a mortgage held by this
against said church. This committee submitted the following
which was received and adopted:

committee, to inquire into the feasibility of releasing the
ge held by this Synod against the Second Reformed Church,
ding, Pa., find, upon examination, a mortgage given by the
ıd German Reformed Church" to The Synod of the German
ıed Church in the U. S. for $2,905.74, dated, Sept. 28th, 1861,
he condition, that no part of said sum of $2,905.74, nor any
the interest that may accrue thereon, shall in any manner be
e, or recoverable, so long as the congregation of the said Second
n Reformed Church of the city of Reading, shall remain in

connection with the said Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

Inasmuch as the decisions of the Courts given subsequently to the time of the giving of said mortgage render it impossible to alienate the property of the Church, as long as a single member remains true to our faith, and inasmuch as the congregation is free from debt and there is no probability of its being lost to Synod, as seemed probable at the time when the mortgage was given, and inasmuch as the congregation has contributed within the last three years, an amount equal to the sum received by them from abroad, for benevolent purposes; Therefore, we recommend the following action on the part of this Synod, to wit:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be authorized to cancel said mortgage and thus release the congregation from any further liability on account of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

D. B. MAUGER,
D. W. GROSS,
JOHN MEILY, } *Committee.*

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, The East Pennsylvania Classis has established a Female College within the bounds of this Synod, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod commends the Allentown Female Seminary to the patronage of those, who desire to obtain for their daughters a sound Christian education.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of Synod be instructed to address a letter of condolence and sympathy to the Rev. J. Caspar Bucher, D.D., in his late affliction, and to express our appreciation of his long and faithful service in the Church.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pastor and Consistory of the Second Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., for the use of their church, in which to hold its sessions, and to the members of the several Reformed churches of the place, for the very kind hospitality extended to its members during the present sessions.

Resolved, That the pastors of the Reformed Church of Reading, e requested to read this resolution from their pulpits, and have it ublished in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Superintendent and Officers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, for permitting its members to pass over their road at reduced fares.

The roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet again in annual sessions in St. John's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., on the fourth Wednesday in October, 1877, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with singing a hymn and repetition of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JOHN BECK, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official Copy from the Original Minutes,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

LEBANON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Min. Stud.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Gring,		Superannuated,															Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Aaron S. Leinbach,	7	Schwartzwald,	1	1315	810	273	126		1250		4	65	8	450	$395 86		Reading, Berks do
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	3	1000	700	88	61	10	600		16	50	1	447	*2969 00	$1825 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	3	Jerusalem,		760	420	81	22	6	636		2	28	7	400	90 60	1416 93	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	4	Annville,		450	280	37	37	3	368	1	5	12	4	250	301 00	1410 00	Annville, Lebanon do
Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	1	2d Ch., Reading,		462	300	66	46	15	400		3	20	1	328	1468 85	2802 17	Reading, Berks do
T. Calvin Leinbach,	6	Bernville,		1500	900	116	53	20	1300		5	57	14	1000	300 00	7000 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff, D. D.,	3	Meyerstown,	1	880	500	54	28	16	720	4	12	22	3	350	583 50	1500 00	Meyerstown, Lebanon do
Benj. Bausman, D. D.,	1	St. Paul's, Memorial,		590	300	48	36	22	550		4	16	1	387	527 00	6318 22	Reading, Berks do
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,		196	80	6	10	5	150		2		1	150	*2825 00	2500 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Chas H. Leinbach, D.D.,	5	Tulpehocken,	2	1190	600	77	67	8	1050		6	42	7	375	460 00	3500 00	Stouchsburg, do do
John P. Stein,	1	Trinity Church, Potts.,		112	65	8	5	2	80		7	5	1	124	12 00	1250 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Eli E. Hiester, Supply,	3	Part of Pine Grove,		350	225	46	25		252			5	3	150	18 50	575 00	Friedensburg, " do
Daniel B. Albright,	1	Orphans' Home,		34	41	2	17		34				1	70	435 00		Womelsdorf, Berks do
Henry A. Keyser,	1	St. Paul's,		450	325	50	36	10	415		1	10	1	340	439 00		Mahanoy City, Schuylkill do
Jno. O. Johnson,	1	St. John's,		215	200	18	32	4	185		2	10	1	300	102 98	13,286 56	Schuylkill Haven, do do
C. H. Mutchler,	4	Swatara,		510	400	49	13		375			14	4	230	111 00	835 00	Jonestown, Lebanon do
F. W. Dechant,	3	Hanover,		125	85	6			73			1	2				Reading, Berks do
Jas. A. Schultz,		Without Charge,															
Wm. F. P. Davis,	4	Sinking Spring,		1000	600	75	55	2	916			60	6	600	99 58		Reading, Berks do
Henry Leisse,	5	Orwigsburg,		480	300	30	35		357		1	12	5	280	46 00	4000 00	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do
Henry Mosser,	1	First Church,	2	1000	800	76	78	48	879		5	43	1	590	640 80	4886 26	Reading, Berks do
M. L. Fritch,	5	Allegheny,		815	350	108	56	18	484	5	4	97	7	300	83 25	1300 00	do do do
Richard S. Appel,	3	Schartelsville,		787	225	98	43		683		2	35	6	250	86 96	207 02	Hamburg, do
A. S. Stauffer,	1	St. Clair,		80	53	13	6		56		1	3	1	80	15 30	598 00	St. Clair, Schuylkill do
J. H. Hartman,	1	Trinity Church,		125	100	32	5	2	80	2	1	4	1	150	70 00	1000 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Rudolph Kuntz,	1	Christ Church,															
E. D. Miller,	1	Trinity,		105	55	15			80			3	1	85	5 00	700 00	Shenandoah, Schuyl. do
A. H. Leisse,	3	Shaefferstown,	2	378	218	27	38		166		1	7	2	150	145 99	720 00	Schaefferstown, Lebanon do
	71		11	14879	8932	1499	930	191	12,139	12	84	622	90	7836	$12,223 17	$59,630 16	

* Of this amount $2500.00 were contributed by Joseph Bowman, of the First Ref. Church Lebanon, and the same amount by Philip Fisher, of St. John's Church, for the erection of a Chapel in the Lebanon Cemetery.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.—Concluded.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Stu. Min'y.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. Daniel,	2	Hamilton,		195	87	43	9		164			5	4	250	$20 00	$600 00	Sciota, Monroe, Co. ,Pa.
W. D. C. Rodrock,	3	Mt. Bethel,	1	500	400	50	6	3	450		4	8	7	400	300 00	1100 00	Stone Church, Northamp. do
D. B. Ernst,	3	Moore Township,		300	210	31	22		240			21	4				Bath, do do
D. Y. Heisler,	1	Grace Ch., Easton,*		40	30	3		40	35				1	50			Easton, do do
Thos. N. Reber,	3	Macungie,		550	250	82	46	9	370			44	3		187 00		Macungie, Lehigh do
P. A. Schwarz,	1	Tamaqua,		200	180	80			130				1	170			Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
T. O. Stem,	1	St. Mark's, Easton, *		164	128				108								Easton, Northampton do
Charles Becker,		Without charge,															Weissport, Carbon do
Thomas A. Huber,	3	Brodheadsville,†		342	360				335								Brodheadsville, Monroe do
J. E. Freeman,	3	Weissport,†															Weissport, Carbon do
Vacant,	3	Jacksonville, &c.,		335	175	10	26		260			10	5	200	25 00	350 00	
do	5	Chestnut Hill,		750					425								
	2	East & West Penn,		350	250		37		269								
Supply, I. K. Loos,	1	Rittersville, Congr.,		90	70	18		2	71		5	2	1	50	19 00	160 00	
do N. Z. Snyder,	1	Freemansburg Cong.,		155	90	18	13	3	118		5	4	1	100	21 64	3500 00	
do B. Weiss,	1	Blandon Congr.,		125		10			99			5	1	40	54 00		
do E. J. Fogel,	1	Lowhill Congr.,		130	110	7			94			2	3		54 98		
do Dr. Helfrich,	1	Lynntown Congr.,		200		16			160				1	130			
co L. K. Derr,	1	Lehighton Congr.,		110	75	5	8	4	90			2	1	150	25 00	1000 00	
Moses H. Diefenderfer,	1	Licentiate,															Ferndale, Lehigh do
John J. Crist,	1	do															Laury's Station, do do
Supply A. J. G. Dubbs,	1	Emaus Congr.,*		73		2	10	63					1				
Total, 37.	94		26	16833	10539	1593	880	393	12517	11	241	571	129	6152	$5,854 20	$39,486 39	

Recently organized.
Recently taken charge.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Adults.	Bapt's. Infants.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	General Objects.	Local Objects.	Stu. of Min.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	1	St. Luke's,	240						210				1	120	$94 34		5	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	140	25		12		6	137		2		2	70	35 00			Chester Springs, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	192	42			11	1	170				1	50	15 00			do do do do
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	413	168		12	27	1	310		5	8	3	229	290 00			Vincent, do do
Vacant,	1	St. Stephen's,	150			102	11		130					100				
D. Ernest Klopp,	1	Trinity,	300	65	13	15	25	28	245	15	6	6	2	300				1541 N. 7th St., Philad., do
Maxwell S. Rowland,	1	East Vincent,	207		4	6	7	2	150		2	5	1	80				Spring City, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Matthew's,	135			3		1				1						do do do do
John G. Noss,	1	St. John's,	58	46	1	5	2	6	50		7	2	1	90	25 00	$725 00		4042 Haverford Av., Philad., do
William C. Hendrickson,	1	Heidelberg,	157	61	7	15	16	35	146	43	27		1	220	90 00			1546 Centennial Av., do do
Henry M. Kieffer,	1	Ascension,	185	65	1	7	17	4	152		3	7	1	130	121 04			Norristown, Montgomery Co., do
Josiah D. Detrick,	1	White Marsh,	130		3	10	8	4	121		3	6	1	160	395 90			White Marsh, do do
do supply,	1	St. Luke's,	114		5	20	11	11	107		2	5	1	100	20 00			do do do do
John H. Sechler,	1	Boehm's,	170	75		15	8	11	149		3	5	1	70	113 64	1,202 00		Blue Bell, do do
Joseph H. Hunsberger,	1	Trinity,	54			5	2		38	1		2	1	115		1,300 00		Norristown, do do
Uriah Weidner,	1	Pleasantville,	258	46	41	12	67	93	208			2	2	210	87 42			White Hall, Bucks Co., do
E. H. Dieffenbacher,	1	St. John's, Del.,	62	31		4	3	11	50		6	2	1	51	10 00	294 85		Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
David Van Horne,	1	First Ch., Race Str.,	153	12	4	3	18	6	141		8	2	2	200	668 00	4,300 00	2	818 Marshall St., Philad., Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston,	1	Christ Church,	164	86	2	2	12	13	115			2	1	130	808 09	3,700 00		2301 Green St., do do
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Sy. Ed. "Messenger,"																907 Arch St., do do
H. W. Super, D.D.,		Prof. in Ursinus Col.,																Collegeville, Montgomery Co., do
A. S. Zerbe,		do do do																do do do
F. K. Levan,		Supt. of Missions,																511 N. 41st St., Philad., do
C. W. Schultz,		Without Charge,																Camden, N. J.
George Leidy,		do do																Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Charles Lukens,		do do																Frankford, Philadelphia, do
Daniel Feete,		do do																Norristown, Montgomery Co., do
J. M. Hartzell,		do do																North Wales, do do

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Bener. Contribu'n.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
*John G. Fritchey, Supply,		Supply,															Lancaster City, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John W. Nevin, D.D.,	1	St. Stephen's,	66	15					106			2	1	115	$342 58	$117 10	do do do
William T. Gerhard,		Without charge,															do do do
John G. Wolff,		Without charge,															do do do
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	385	310	12	28	40	7	340		3	12	1	295	239 72	1500 00	do do do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,		Prof. in Th. Seminary,															do do do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,															do do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Millersville,	280	110	8	4	15	3	240		5	4	3	150	115 45	1106 00	Millersville, do do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hummelstown,	295	124		14	25	11	210		2	3			123 18		Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Thomas G. Apple, D. D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem.,															Lancaster City, Lancaster do
David B. Shuey	2	New Providence,	164	100		7	2		95			2	2	135	34 50	260 00	New Providence, do do
Walter E. Krebs,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,															Lancaster City, do do
†Joseph H. Dubbs,		" "															do do do
Frederick A. Gast,		Prof. in Theo. Sem'y.															do do do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	265	150	4	12	11	15	230		17	9	1	340	940 65	2947 75	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Darius W. Gerhard,	4	New Holland,	365	210	12	13	17	1	290		4	12	3	190	179 65	750 00	New Holland, Lancaster do
Joseph B. Shumaker,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	245	125	7	13	26	5	225		1	2	1	208	355 00	2112 00	Lancaster City, Lan. do
Stephen Schweitzer,	6	Reamstown,	625	325		72	86	1	450		1	34	5	325	115 00	900 00	Lincoln do do
Daniel C. Tobias	4	Bethany,	355	200	10	23	26	3	275		2	8	3	125	92 46	570 00	Litiz, do do
John S. Stahr,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,															Lancaster City, Lancaster do
Geo. W. Snyder,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	109	76	3	21	9	15	81		4	5	1	240	86 35	639 67	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Conrad Clever,	1	Columbia,	155	128	5	19	12	11	138		5	5	1	158	75 00	1100 00	Columbia, Lancaster do
Moritz Noll,	1	Zwingli, Harrisburg,	94	41		6	3		65		19	5	1	30	22 47	350 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
J. H. Pannebecker,	3	Elizabethtown,	198		12	9	11	2	136			5	2	140	53 70	618 29	Elizabethtown, Lancaster do
Vacant,	3	Manheim	125	35	3	7	17	3	100			1	1	100			Manheim do do
Nathan C. Schaeffer		Prof. in F. & M. Coll.															Lancaster City do do
Total, 25.	36		3726	1949	76	248	300	77	2981		63	109	26	2551	$2,775 71	$12,970 81	

* Supply to Petersburg. † Supply to Manheim.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland,	260	245	42	22		230			13	1	160	$58 00	$850 00	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Vacant,	6	North Susquehanna,	340	245	39	37	1	265			8	5	180	86 00	1,000 00	Berwick, Columbia do
Alfred Houtz,	4	Orangeville,	232	150	5	4	3	225		2	6	4	250	130 00	850 00	Orangeville, do do
Calvin S. Gerhard,	1	Sunbury,	180	100	15	12	4	145		6	4	1	125	84 23	1,000 00	Sunbury, Northumberland do
Tilghman Derr,	3	Turbotville,	470	375	40	16	12	415		10	18	3	240	157 24	1,000 00	Turbotville, do do
Henry S. Bassler,	7	Deep Creek,	412	212	35	25	3	325		2	22	7		46 00		Heginsville, Schuylkill do
John M. Clemens,	5	Conyngham,	678	400	98	30		590			57	5	300	82 21	1,700 00	Conyngham, Luzerne do
William G. Engle,	6	Uniontown,	700	350	78	18		500		3	20	6	300	235 99	1,500 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
Geo. B. Dechant,	4	Catawissa,	465	350	84	28		303		1	22	3	250	128 23	1,200 00	Catawissa, Columbia do
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	5	Armstrong Valley,	241	187	44	17		191		1	19	5	185	29 50	1,400 00	Halifax, Dauphin do
John K. Millet,	3	Paradise,	490	243	29	34	12	464		9	7	3	300	283 50	1,200 00	McEwensville, North'berl'd do
F. F. Bahner,	1	St. John's,	230	200	20	11	9	200			8	1	225	137 50	1,000 00	Milton, do do
D. O. Shoemaker,	1	Shamokin,	260	200	37	15	26	225		3	20	1	275	139 00	1,700 00	Shamokin, do do
C. H. Reiter,	5	Augusta,	280	209	35	31	2	270		2	12	6	120	111 00	950 00	Sunbury, do do
I. E. Graeff,	1	Emanuel's, Hazelton,	65	52	14	13		57			3	1	62	20 00	1,635 44	Hazleton, Luzerne do
J. B. Kerschner,	3	Millersburg,	325	215	9	25	10	264		2	4	3	276	113 24	835 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
J. Fuendeling,	3	Grace, Hazleton,	776	625	95	93	33	676		2	22	3	481	65 00	1,925 00	Hazleton, Luzerne do
G. C. Hall,*	3	Danville,	360	265				310				4	350			Danville, Montour do
Mahlon H. Mishler,	3	Weatherly,														Weatherly, Carbon do
D. O. Shoemaker, Sup'ly	1	St. Peter's,	85	60	3	11		82			2	1	30			
E. D. Miller, do	1	Ringtown,	90		14	10		85			6			12 00		Shenandoah, Schuylkill do
Jos. H. Schlappig, do	2	Overton Mission,	96	78				82			2	2		40 72	36 00	Overton, Bradford do
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	7	Mahanoy,	510	380	24	23		300	2	3	9	8	275	155 96	1,100 00	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
G. Dickey Gurley,	2	Bloomsburg,	255	150	25	26	2	222		1	8	2	190	144 26	925 00	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
Vacant,	3	Berrysburg,														
J. C. J. Kurtz,		Without charge,														Shamokin, Northumberland do
Total, 22,	81		7800	5291	785	500	117	6426	2	47	293	75	4574	$2,259 58	$21,806 44	

* Lately taken charge.

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

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Wm. H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	450	375	35	23	7	385		6	8	6	250	$202 60	$983 00	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
David G. Klein,	3	Eden,	133	115	11	16		125			5	2	70		335 00	Walker, Centre do
George E. Addams,	3	Mifflinburg,	377	155	27	27	13	332		2	11	3	240	222 65	2,548 71	Mifflinburg, Union do
William W. Clouser,	4	White Deer,	315	223	54	53	3	315		4	34	3	115	111 35	608 00	White Deer Mills, do do
Wm. A. Haas,	5	Selinsgrove,	400	260	37	53	5	365	1	7	9	5	280	91 00	1.000 00	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
William M. Landis,	6	Rebersburg,	266	205	21	25	4	229		6	1	5	150	84 50	1,500 00	Rebersburg, Centre do
Hiram King,	2	Bellefonte,	142	92	5			105			1	1	75	105 00	896 00	Bellefonte do do
Willoughby Donat,	6	Liverpool,	170	250	29	21	6	132		5	2	5	219	36 55	510 00	Oriental, Juniata do
J. F. De Long,	1	Williamsport,	185	157	13	27		169		8	2	2	205	115 25	1,053 75	Williamsport, Lycoming do
James Crawford,	2	Lewisburg,	340	200	8	62	12	320		5	8	2	225	154 67		Lewisburg, Union do
J. G. Shoemaker,	4	Aaronsburg,	360	250	16	40	23	293		2		4	300	285 43	2,600 00	Aaronsburg, Centre do
Z. A. Yearick,	4	New Berlin,	244	191	24	33	7	195		1	3	1	143	63 40	700 00	New Berlin, Union do
George P. Hartzell,	4	Nittany Valley,	240	200	20			178				2	150			Walker, Centre do
F. F. Christine,	1	Lock Haven,	30	40	13	3	7	30				1	40			Lock Haven, Lycoming do
Abraham Romich,	5	Beaver Springs,	600	300	78	23	1	600		4	29	5	1000	70 52	2,980 50	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,		Penn Hall Academy,														Penn Hall, Centre do
J. C. Bucher, D.D.,		Without charge,														Lewisburg, Union do
Jonathan Zeller,		do														Lock Haven, Lycoming do
A. B. Caspar,		do														New Berlin, Union do
Simon Wolf,		do														Lewisburg, do do
Total, 20.	55		4252	3013	391	406	88	3773	1	50	113	47	3462	$1,542 92	$15,714 96	

Students, 6.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S.S.Schl's.	Students.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
C. Z. Weiser, D. D.	2	New Goshenhoppen,	900	425	65	40	6	804		2	33	2	511	1	$611 29	$2498 42	Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	600	240	33	13	5	515		2	22	4			257 00		Pennsburg, Montgomery do
L. Kryder Evans,	1	Trinity Church,	525	390	62	28	6	490			33	1	315		215 70	495 00	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Swamp,	758	640	53	30		678		4	25	1	125		380 97	1200 00	Boyertown, Berks do
L. D. Leberman,	4	Pottstown,	870		82	32	19	763		3	21	2	210		78 00		Pottstown, Montgomery do
S. M. K. Huber.	3	Wentz's,	642	250	40	46	8	500	1	5	30	3	250		177 22	800 00	Worcester, Montgomery do
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg,	550	200	40	8	6	480		8	16	4	120		162 00	750 00	Oley, Berks do
Eli Keller,	4	Zionsville,	875	600	74	7		700		5	32	6		4	254 33		Sheimersville, Lehigh Co., do
D. E. Schoedler,		Prof. in Oley Acad'y,															Oley, Berks do
Franklin J. Mohr, Supply,	1	Chestnut Hill,	80				2	72			3						Quakertown, Bucks do
Henry L. Gerhart,		*Licentiate,*															Pennsburg, Montgomery do
David Y. Schaub,		do															Reading do
Lewis C. Herman,		Without Charge,															Carlisle, Cumberland do
Total, 12.	26		5800	2745	449	204	52	5002	1	29	215	23	1531	5	$2,136 51	$5743 42	

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms. Adults,	Baptisms. Infants,	Additions. By Confirmat'n.	Additions. By Certificate.	Communed Dur. year.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	Stud'nts for the Min.
East Pennsylvania,	37	94	16,833	10,539		1,593	880	393	12,517	11	241	571	129	6,152	$5,854 20	$39,486 39	26
Lebanon,	35	83	16,089	9,592		1,607	1,044	240	13,217	12	88	672	106	9,184	12,352 86	59,893 16	11
Philadelphia,	29	22	3,282	722	81	248	245	233	2,629	59	74	55	23	2,425	2,773 43	11,521 85	7
Lancaster,	25	36	3,726	1,949	76	248	300	77	2,981		63	109	26	2,551	2,775 71	12,970 81	2
East Susquehanna,	22	81	7,800	5,291		785	500	117	6,426	2	47	293	75	4,574	2,259 58	21,806 44	1
West Susquehanna,	20	55	4,252	3,013		391	406	88	3,773	1	50	113	47	3,462	1,542 92	15,714 96	6
Goshenhoppen,	12	26	5,800	2,745		449	204	52	5,002	1	29	215	23	1,531	2,136 51	5,743 42	5
Tohickon,	14	36	5,778	3,109	31	466	218	61	4,853	2	64	235	34	1,371	1,342 07	17,926 46	3
Total, 8 Classes,	194	433	63,560	36,960	188	5,787	3,797	1,261	51,398	88	656	2,263	463	31,250	$31,037 28	$185,063 49	61
Synod of Ohio, 12 Classes,	151	338	23,458	11,851	326	1,594	1,535	715	19,304	49	343	579	242	17,089	7,828 00	90,357 00	40
Synod of the North West, 9 Classes,	124	187	12,372	14,635		1,655	1,034	623	11,765	172	300	425	130	6,516	9,988 52	287 85	11
Synod of Pittsburgh, 5 Classes,	50	112	9,312	7,425		892	539	322	8,155	8	155	199	88	5,808	6,002 27	13,266 93	9
Synod of the Potomac, 6 Classes,	110	246	25,129	15,607		1,953	1,625	465	21,756	8	334	665	207	13,680	13,144 41		38
Eastern German Synod, 5 Classes,	35	37	7,861	5,575	8	1,647	608	396	6,532	4	142	509	39	5,604	3,987 00	43,198 00	3
Total, 6 Synods, 45 Classes,	664	1,353	141,692	92,059	522	13,528	9,138	3,782	118,910	329	1,930	4,640	1,169	79,947	$71,987 48	$332,173 27	162

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Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in St. John's Reformed Chnrch, Allentown, Pennsylvania, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven. The Sessions continued from the evening of the Twenty-fourth to the afternoon of the Thirtieth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Sessions were opened with prayer by the Stated Clerk, prior to which he, in consequence of the decease of the late President, Rev. John Beck, D.D., preached the opening sermon from 1 Tim. iv. 16: "*Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Revs. Tilgham O. Stem, N. S. Strassburger, Daniel Y. Heisler,* Samuel A. Leinbach, Alfred J. G. Dubbs,† and Jared Fritzinger.‡

Elders:—George Hagenbuch, Thomas Faust, Thomas F. Butz,[2] § and Jacob Rader.[2]

☞ The figure at the end of the name indicates the day of the sessions on which the member took his seat.

* Was succeeded by the *secundus*, Rev. Jared Fritzinger, on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

† Was succeeded by the *primarius*, Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

‡ Was succeeded by the *primarius*, Rev. Benjamin Weiss, on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the fifth day of the sessions.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach, Daniel B. Albright,* George Wolff, D.D., George W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., John W. Steinmetz, and Henry A. Keyser.[2]

Elders:—George K. Hoffman, Edward L. Kilmer, and Charles Kanter.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. David E. Klopp, D.D., Henry M. Kieffer, John H. Sechler, Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.,† and David Van Horne, D.D.[2] ‡

Elders:—William Brownback, and Hiram C. Hoover.[2]

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, Walter E. Krebs, Darius W. Gerhard, Theodore Appel, D.D., and Stephen Schweitzer.[2]

Elders:—George W. Hensel, Abraham Mader, and Daniel W. Gross.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. George B. Dechant, Jacob B. Kerschner, Rudolph Duenger, and Zwingli A. Yearick.

Elders:—Jacob R. Hilbush, David Eschbach, Charles Newhard, and George Hill. §

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. William M. Landis, William A. Haas, and James Crawford.

Elders:—John Wiest, James B. Evans, Elias Brown, and John Hoffer.[2]

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. Augustus L. Dechant, and Simon M. K. Huber.[2]

Elder:—Aram Drake.[2]

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Rev. Leighton R. Gerhart, Simon K. Gross,[2] and James G. Dengler.[2] ||

Elder: Daniel Gerhart.[2]

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* Was succeeded by the *primarius*, Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., on the morning of the fifth day of the sessions.

† Was succeeded by the *primarius*, Rev. Wm. C. Hendrickson, on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

‡ Was succeeded by the *secundus*, Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

|| Was succeeded by the *secundus*, Rev. Jacob Kehm, on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—Rev. Reuben Hill.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present during one or more sessions of Synod:

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, Thomas N. Reber, John J. Crist, Edward J. Fogel, Amandus F. Ziegler, Charles A. Rittenhouse, Levi K. Derr, Isaac K. Loos, Daniel F. Brendle, William R. Hofford.

From the Classis of Lebanon.—Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., William C. Schaeffer, James A. Schultz, Charles H. Leinbach, D.D., Moses Peters; Elder John Meily.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Franklin K. Levan, J. Samuel Vandersloot, George H. Johnston.

From the Classis of Lancaster.—Rev. David B. Shuey, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna.—Rev. Isaac E. Graeff, John M. Clemens, David O. Shoemaker, William G. Engle, Edward D. Miller, John Fuendling.

From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.—Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., Eli Keller, L. Kryder Evans.

From the Classis of Tohickon.—Rev. Nathan C. Snyder, Adam B. Koplin, Franklin J. Mohr, Henry J. Welker.

From the Synod of Pittsburgh.—Rev. John F. Wiant and John Wolbach.

From the Synod of the Potomac.—Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced on some day during the sessions:—

From the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. Benj. Schmauck, Rev. B. Sadtler, D.D., William Minnich, William Rath, J. B. Rath, J. D. Schindel.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

In consequence of the death of the President, the Rev. George Wolff, D.D., was appointed President *pro tempore*. Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., was then chosen *President;* Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, *Corresponding Secretary*, and George W. Hensel, *Treasurer*, by acclamation. Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., continues *Stated Clerk*.

Samuel R. Fisher, D.D
Elders:—William B

IV. FRO

Rev. Joseph H. Du
Theodore Appel, D.D.,
Elders:—George W
Gross.

V. FROM TH

Rev. George B. Dech
and Zwingli A. Yearick
Elders:—Jacob R.
and George Hill. §

VI. FROM THE

Rev. William M. Lan
Elders:—John Wiest
Hoffer.[2]

VII. FROM T

Rev. Augustus L. Dec
Elder:—Aram Drake.

VIII. FRO

Rev. Leighton R. G
Dengler.[2]||
Elder: Daniel Gerhart

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The first six pews from the front were made the bar of the house.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions:

Morning Session to open at 9, and close at 11½ o'clock.

Afternoon Session to open at 2, and close at 4½ o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod. Rev. George Wolff, D.D., Henry M. Kieffer, and Elder George W. Hensel.

Overtures. Rev. David E. Klopp, D.D., Walter E. Krebs, and Elder Jacob R. Hilbush.

Correspondence with Sister Churches. Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler, John H. Sechler, and Elder Edward L. Kilmer.

Minutes of Classes. Rev. George B. Dechant, William M. Landis, Darius W. Gerhard, and Elders George K. Hoffman and Thomas Faust.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination. Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., Daniel B. Albright, Alfred J. G. Dubbs, and Elders Daniel W. Gross and John Wiest.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports. Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, William A. Haas, and Elder Abraham Mader.

Theological Seminary. Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Jacob B. Kerschner, Augustus L. Dechant, and Elders David Eschbach and William Brownback.

Missions. Rev. James Crawford, Samuel A. Leinbach, and Elder Elias Brown.

Finance. Rev. John W. Steinmetz, Zwingli A. Yearick, and Elder Charles Newhard.

Nominations. Rev. Rudolph Duenger, Thomas C. Leinbach, and Elder George Hagenbuch.

Publication. Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, Tilgham O. Stern, and Elder James B. Evans.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

l.) One copy of the Minutes of the German Evangelical Luran Ministerium of Pennsylvania was received and referred to the mmittee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

2.) The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, iladelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, shenhoppen and Tohickon, were received and referred to the Comttee on the Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of ligion and Statistics, which were referred to the Committee on that bject.

3.) The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of isitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to e Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4.) The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied ith the Treasurer's Report, was received. The former was referred the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on 'inance. A subsequent communication received from the President f the Board of Trustees of Synod was also referred to the Committee n Finance.

5.) The Annual Report of the Board of Publication and the Report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund," and also a communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Synod of the Potomac, in regard to the order of succession in the members constituting the Board of Publication, were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

6.) Communications were received from the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, announcing their respective nominations for filling vacancies occurring in the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on Nominations. A communication was also received from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, announcing the vacancy occurring in said Board of said College, and asking permission for Rev. Thomas Apple, D.D., to fill temporarily the Presidency of said College. The former portion of the communication was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter, to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

7.) The Annual Report of the Board of Missions, accompanied ith the Treasurer's Report, and the Report of the Superintendent of lissions, was received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

8.) A communication was received from the Rev. William R. offord, President of the Allentown Female College, and referred to e Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of last year's annual sessions was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee reported. Their report was received, taken up item by item, amended, and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod respectfully report the following items of unfinished business claiming the attention of Synod:

Item 1. Rev. Samuel G. Wagner was chosen delegate *primarius*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger delegate *secundus*, to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. *Page* 10.

Item 2. All Classes in arrears to the Tutorship Fund were earnestly requested to pay both principal and interest at as early a day as possible. *Page* 26.

Item 3. Instructions to the Faculty of the Theological Seminary in reference to the arrangement and binding of the papers of the late Dr. Henry Harbaugh. *Page* 27.

Item 4. The Stated Clerk of Synod was instructed to inform the Synod of the Potomac concerning the ratio of members to represent it in the Board of Trustees, &c. *Page* 27.

Item 5. A request to the Rev. Dr. David Van Horne to furnish a copy of his Sunday-school address for publication. *Page* 48.

Item 6. Direction to Stated Clerk to have copies of Minutes published. *Page* 56.

Item 7. The continuation of a committee to confer with committees from the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac in reference to the time of holding the annual meetings of these Synods. *Page* 56.

Item 8. A request to Zion's Classis in reference to the case of Mr. F. E. Vandersloot, and also instructions to the Corresponding Secretary to furnish said Classis with a copy of said request. *Page* 57.

Item 9. The continuation of a committee to co-operate with a committee of the Synod of the Potomac in the preparation of an edition of the "Hymns for the Reformed Church," with music. *Page* 65.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE WOLFF, *Chairman.*

For the report of the delegate referred to in Item 1, see Article IX. Correspondence with Sister Churches. For the result of the action referred to in Item 2, see Article X. Minutes of Classes. For the report of the Committee referred to in Item 3, see Article XIII. Theological Seminary. The requests and instructions referred to in Items 4, 5, 6 and 8, were severally reported as having been complied with. For the report of the committee referred to in Item 7, see Article XX. Church Government. For the report of the committee referred to in Item 9, see Article XIX. Publication.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The following report was received from the Committee on Overtures and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report:

That the only document that has come into our hands is an invitation from the President of Allentown Female College to visit the institution, either as individuals or in a body.

Respectfully submitted.

D. E. KLOPP, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on the invitation reported see Article XXI. Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following report was received from the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches beg leave to report,

That the only document placed in their hands is a copy of the Minutes of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, held in St. John's Lutheran Church, in the city of Allentown, Pa. From this document we learn, that your delegate, the Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, attended the meeting of that body, and was cordially received by the same; and also that the Rev. Reuben Hill was appointed delegate to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

D. Y. HEISLER, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from the delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and adopted:

Your delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania would beg leave to report,

That he attended the late sessions of this Body, convened in St. John's Lutheran Church of this city, and was cordially received by them. He extended to them the usual Christian salutations of this Synod, which were kindly reciprocated by the President of that body.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. WAGNER.

Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., was chosen delegate *primarius*, and Rev. Tilgham O. Stem, delegate *secundus*, to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Rev. Reuben Hill, on being presented to the Synod and taking his seat as a Corresponding Member, availed himself of the opportunity to address the Synod. He referred to the friendly relations long subsisting between the two bodies, adverting briefly to the points of divergence, and dwelling more fully upon the points of convergence which characterize these relations. After presenting some statistics of the body he represented, he closed with tendering the Christian salutations of its members. To the address of the delegate, the President appropriately responded, most cordially reciprocating the kind sentiments expressed.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received and disposed of, item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully report the following items:

I. Irregularities.

1. Philadelphia Classis admitted an Elder to a seat without his credentials.

2. Goshenhoppen Classis failed to record the year of the next meeting.

3. Goshenhoppen and East Pennsylvania Classes failed to number the pages of their Minutes.

4. Lancaster Classis failed to give the Constitutional notice of two weeks in issuing a call for a special meeting.

5. Lebanon Classis failed to furnish Synod with its Minutes in full.

6. East Susquehanna Classis received under its care a theological student, and Lancaster Classis dismissed a licentiate, at special meetings, in the calls for which no items to that effect were inserted.

7. Philadelphia Classis recommend two theological students for licensure, but fails to record any subsequent action.

8. Tohickon Classis licensed two theological students without their having signed the Constitutional formula.

9. East Pennsylvania Classis failed to give the date of the ordination of the Rev. Thomas N. Reber.

10. East Susquehanna Classis failed to give the Christian name of a brother received.

11. Goshenhoppen Classis failed to record the call for a special meeting.

II. Subjects referred to Classes.

All the Classes took favorable action on the several matters re-
red to them by the Synod at its last annual sessions.

III. Licensures, Ordinations, Dismissions and Receptions.

1. The East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Charles W. E. Siegel;
lained Thomas N. Reber, Joseph E. Freeman and John J. Crist;
:eived Rev. William C. Schaeffer, from the Mercersburg Classis, and
3 licentiates John M. Bachman from Tiffin Classis, and Benjamin S.
etzger, from Tohickon Classis; and dismissed the licentiate Moses
. Dieffenderfer to the Clarion Classis, and the Rev. William. D. C.
ıdrock to the Presbytery of Newton, New Jersey.

2. The Lebanon Classis licensed Moses Peters, Leighton G. Kremer,
ıhn C. Leinbach and J. Alvin Reber; received Rev. J. Caspar
ucher, D.D., from the West Susquehanna Classis, and dismissed the
ev. Rudolph Kuntz and Edward D. Miller to the East Susquehanna
'assis.

3. The Philadelphia Classis received the Rev. Eusebius H. Dieffen-
ıcher, from St. Paul's Classis, and the licentiate J. Samuel Vander-
oot, from the Methodist Episcopal Church; and dismissed the Rev.
.braham Romich to the West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. John G.
'oss to Maryland Classis, and the licentiate Edward G. Williams. to
ion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

4. The Lancaster Classis licensed Abraham R. Bartholomew, Tilg-
am R. Dietz, Monroe P. Zeller, L. F. Zinkhan, and Frederick J.
aurber; ordained L. F. Zinkhan and D. Besore Shuey; and dis-
ıissed the Rev. Moritz Noll to St. John's Classis, and Amos H.
Kremer, D.D., and the licentiate Frederick Saurber, to Zion's Classis,
ynod of the Potomac.

5. The East Susquehanna Classis licensed C. Francis Yost; re-
eived the Rev. Zwingli A. Yearick, from West Susquehanna Classis,
'ev. Rudolph Kuntz, from the Lebanon Classis, and Rev. Jonas B.
hontz, from the Iowa Classis; dismissed the Rev. John B. Shontz
) the Maryland Classis, and Rev. Joseph H. Schlapping to the Kan-
ıs Classis; and suspended the Rev. John Fuendling from the min-
try, but subsequently reinstated him.

6. The West Susquehanna Classis licensed Henry Keller; received
ev. Abraham Romich, from the Philadelphia Classis, and John Dot-
rer, from the Clarion Classis; and dismissed the Rev. J. W. Pon-
ous to St. Paul's Classis. Rev. Zwingli A. Yearick, to East Susque-
ıanna Classis, Rev. J. Caspar Bucher, D.D., to Lebanon Classis, and
ev. F. F. Christine, to East Ohio Classis.

7. The Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Henry J. Welker, and dis-
issed him to Tohickon Classis.

8. The Tohickon Classis licensed B. S. Metzger and Isaac S. Stahr,
ıd received Rev. Adam B. Koplin, from the East Pennsylvania Classis,
d the licentiate Henry J. Welker, from the Goshenhoppen Classis; or-

(*b*) What is the remedy of a Class
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2. Philadelphia Classis requests S
several Classes to the Constitutional
the reception of members dismissed

3. Lancaster Classis requests Syn
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on the Synodical Treasury.

4. Goshenhoppen Classis requests
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5. West Susquehanna Classis cal
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ger, *Stated Clerk.*

2. Lebanon Classis will meet at I
8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. John O. Johr
Stein, *Stated Clerk.*

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet
county, Pa., June 14th, 1878, at
Kieffer, *President*, and Rev. John
4. Lancaster Classis will meet at
day after Whitsunday, 1878, at 7½ c
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for Whitsunday, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Simon M. K. Huber, President, and Rev. Lucian J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk.*

8. Tohickon Classis will meet at Applebachsville, Pa., on May 8th, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P M. Rev. Jacob Kehm, *President*, and Rev. Nathan Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. DECHANT,
W. M. LANDIS,
D. W. GERHARD,
THOMAS FOUST,
G. K. HOFFMAN.
} *Committee.*

For the action of Synod on the several items reported by the Committee as Irregularities, see Article XVI. "Appeals and References." The several items reported under the caption of "Licensures, Ordinations, &c." were approved, without reference, except the action of the East Susquehanna Classis in first suspending and then reinstating the Rev. John Fuendling. For the action of Synod in reference to this subject, see Article XX. Church Government. For the action of Synod on Requests Nos. 1, 2, and 4, see Article XX. Church Government; on Request No. 3, see Article XV. Finance and on Request No. 5, see Article XIX. Publication. The remaining items in the report were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

The following report was received from the Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, beg leave respectfully to report:

That no candidates for Examination or Licensure were referred to the Committee, and they have nothing further to report.

THEODORE APPEL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report was received from the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, and adopted:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—One thought has been uttered by our Church with an emphasis which is remarkable. It is that theology is not a science which has reached the full blossom of perfection, but one that is advancing to a more and more full apprehen-

sion of the revelation of God in Christ. Hence our systems of theology can be regarded only as stepping-stones to something much higher and better, which, in the progress of the Church, will eventually take their place. This has revealed itself very plainly in our ecclesiastical history during the past fifty years. One element of the truth has been emphasized at one time, and from that we have advanced to another, not leaving behind the old, but carrying on its true life into the new.

In opposition to the prevailing tendency to emotional religion, which seeks for the assurance of salvation mainly in the conscience of the believer, we have pointed to the sacraments as carrying in them a confirmation of what Christ is and has done for the sinner, surpassing in value any particular feeling of the subject. In opposition to the system of sudden conversion from a state of sin to that of holiness, we have insisted upon educational religion as being the true method. In opposition to the theory that the Church is merely a collection of believers, each holding a sort of independent relation to the Master, we have unfolded the idea of the Church as an institution involving divine powers of redemption, and as an organization standing in vital relation to the Saviour. But while thus unfolding in its true power the real nature of Christ's mystical body, we have never arrogated to ourselves the claim of being *the* Church in distinction from other branches of the Church Catholic; an evil which, strange to say, in these days of general laxity of faith, is broadening the breach already separating the various denominations, but have firmly maintained the reality of the underlying bond of union which, existing in the Lord, unites all as one.

This fact appears in the Classical reports; all speak encouragingly of the regular administration of the sacraments, the increased number of baptisms, the close attention which has been given to the thorough training of the young, together with a growing reverence for all the sacred ordinances. This certainly indicates true spiritual growth. But there is a silence in the reports upon one subject, which is very important, namely, that of Biblical study, that may indicate a weakness or defect in our church culture. Such silence is, it is true, only of negative force; nevertheless, it is worthy of attention. There is a tendency in human nature to emphasize one thought at the expense of another, and in the constant and repeated efforts to establish and maintain in their true position the Church and its ordinances, there is danger of overlooking other elements of essential value.

The Sacred Scriptures stand in such necessary connection with the Church, that, without their full and proper use, there can be no healthy growth in grace. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life," was spoken with force, increased by reiteration, on the part of our Lord. There is a sense in which we commune with the Divine through the written word, which is no less real than that which meets us in the sacraments. The former affords us the means of rising into an intelligent possession of the truth, which the latter

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pointing out emphatically the necessity
have been preached as often and as for-

cibly as the wants of our people require. It is a question whether in practical efficiency some denominations have not out-stripped us. If this defect has to any extent prevailed, is it to be wondered that the flame of enthusiam has burned low? We dare not attribute it to the blood that flows through our veins. The Germans are not a cold-blooded people. The nature of the German is strong and deep, and full-flowing as the waters of his majestic Rhine, and as rich as the grapes that grow fat on the slopes of his native hills. The Germans are enthusiastic lovers of philosophy, enthusiastic lovers of art, enthusiastic lovers of the fatherland. Is it not strange to say, they are not enthusiastic lovers of truth? and of the truth as revealed in Christ? Enthusiasm is strong in the German bosom, and if it has failed to show itself in our Church, the source of the evil must be sought elsewhere than in the heart of our people. May not the Gospel as preached by us have appealed disproportionately to the intellect? That which is prevailingly intellectual will be correspondingly unemotional, and if you develop one side of a man's character at the expense of the other, that other will die. Have we preached the necessity of performing the practical duties of our religion with sufficient force? Faith and charity must go hand in hand.

While thus painting the shadows, we do not wish to forget the lights in our effort to give a true picture of the state of religion in our beloved Church. No one can read the earnest, prayerful reports of our many Classes, without feeling that the Holy Spirit is in the hearts of the men who produced them, and that Christ in them is speaking to and leading His people. The tone of discouragement is weak, the future is spoken of with hope, and it is evident, that the hands of the laborers are not feeble from fear.

There is full reason for this cheerfulness to be found in the lessons of the past. Our Church has grown steadily and rapidly. Sanctuaries and asylums, colleges and schools, have been, and are being, placed on solid foundations in every part of our territory. While some of our schools do not find that support which is to be desired, yet it would be hard to refute the assertion that, in view of all circumstances, the institutions of other Churches do not outrank our own. Our institutions of learning have a character for real worth, which is felt from the judges' bench to the stool of the mechanic. It would be well for us often to look at this side of the subject; for no man can labor efficiently, who feels that he has done, and is doing, nothing. Self-depreciation was never a virtue, and self-contempt, if indulged, will paralyze mind and body. While, therefore, we look freely upon our defects, it is with the consciousness that our Church possesses vitality sufficient to overcome them. God has blessed us in the past, and He will bless us in the future. With this hope and this prayer, we commend ourselves to the protection and support of His arm.

The mortality amongst our people was not unusually great during the past year, but we have to record the departure to their final home of four of our brethren in the ministry.

v. Dr. John Beck, President of Synod, died on the 19th of , at the age of forty-seven years and nine days. For twenty-two he faithfully ministered before the Lord in the 3d St. Reformed ch of Easton, Pa. Though by no means old, he had discharged abors of a long life. In many of the important positions of the ch, he had performed his part; and everywhere won the love esteem of those who learned to know him.

v. David B. Ernst died on the 11th of March, aged sixty-one years, months and seven days. His ministerial life and activity were, large extent, employed in missionary work in the western coun- of this State. After a long life of faithful service in the vine- of the Lord, he died peacefully in Christ.

ly a few weeks later, on the 14th of April, the venerable Joseph ubbs, D. D., also passed from the Church militant on earth to Church triumphant in heaven, at the advanced age of eighty , five months and twenty-nine days. For half a century or more, reached to his fellow-men "the unsearchable riches of Christ," ly in this immediate community. On his head now rests the n crown of righteousness.

v. Nathaniel E. Bressler died on the 8th of March, at the age fty-six years. For nearly thirty years, he ministered in holy s to the same people. His labors and trials are over; he has gone s reward.

he departure of so many, who lately stood side by side with us in battle of life, gives us a keener consciousness of the nearness of heavenly land. They have joined the innumerable and glorious pany of prophets, apostles, martyrs and saints of all ages around Father's throne. Let us imitate their lives that at death we may r into their reward.

lory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as s in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. n.

Respectfully submitted.

R. LEIGHTON GERHART,
W. A. HAAS,
A. MADER, *Committee.*

[For Statistical Reports see Appendix.]

he following religious services were observed during the sessions ynod:

The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious ces.

Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, N. S. Strassburger, Alfred J. G. bs and Jared Fritzinger, and Elder George Hagenbuch, were ap- ted a Committee on Religious Services, who reported at intervals several appointments. Their report as finally adopted is as ws:

The Committee on Religious Services would recommend the following appointments:

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED.

Preparatory Services.

Saturday, at 7½, P. M.	Rev. W. E. Krebs.
Sunday morning, 10 o'clock, Communion Serv.	" T. C. Porter, D.D.
" afternoon, 2½ " S. School Addresses, ...	" S. R. Fisher, D.D. " James Crawford. " Geo. B. Dechant.
Sunday evening, 7 o'clock, ...	" H. M. Kieffer.

ZION'S REFORMED.

Sunday morning, 10 o'clock, ...	Rev. D. W. Gerhard.
Sunday-School Addresses, ...	" Benjamin Weiss. " R. L. Gerhart.
Sunday evening, 7 o'clock, ...	" D. Van Horne, D.D

SALEM'S REFORMED.

Sunday, 10 o'clock, A. M., ...	Rev. A. L. Dechant.
" 7, P. M., ...	" I. E. Graeff.

CHRIST'S REFORMED.

Saturday, 7, P. M., Preparatory Service,.....	Rev. W. A. Haas.
Sunday, 10, A. M., Communion, ...	" R. Duenger.
" 7, P. M., ...	" A. L. Dechant.

REFORMED CHURCH, BETHLEHEM.

Rev. S. M. K. Huber.

REFORMED CHURCH, EMMAUS.

Sunday, 2, P. M., ... Rev. S. A. Leinbach.

REFORMED CHURCH, WHITE HALL.

Sunday, 10, A. M., ...	Rev. J. W. Steinmetz.
" 2, P. M., ...	" W. E. Krebs.

REFORMED CHURCH, CATASAUQA.

Sunday, 7, P. M., ... Rev. J. B. Kerschner.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CHERRYVILLE.

Rev. Geo. Wolff, D. D

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, ALLENTOWN.

Sunday, 10, A. M., ...	Rev. T. O. Stem.
" 7, P. M., ...	" R. L. Gerhart.

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN, ALLENTOWN.

Sunday, 10, A. M., ...	Rev. I. E. Graeff.
7, P. M., ...	" S. A. Leinbach.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN, ALLENTOWN.

nday, 10, A. M., ... Rev. B. Weiss.
" 7, P. M., ... " Z. A. Yearick.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALLENTOWN.

nday, 10, A. M., ... Rev. T. Appel, D. D.
" 7, P. M., ... " D. O. Shoemaker.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, ALLENTOWN.

nday, 10, A. M, ... Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D.
" 7, P. M., ... " W. M. Landis.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

nday, 10, A. M., ... Rev. J. F. Wiant.

UNITED BRETHREN.

nday, 7, P. M., ... Rev. H. A. Keyser.

PRISON SERVICE.

tween 3 and 4 o'clock,.....Rev. John H. Sechler.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. WAGNER.
N. S. STRASSBURGER,
J. FRITZINGER,
Committee.

The several religious services provided for in the above report were bserved.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, enter our solemn protest against the desecration of the Sabbath by the Managers of the Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia, in throwing open their buildings to the people on Sunday, in direct violation of the Fourth Commandment.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a) Report of Board of Trustees.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

BRETHREN:—The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary beg leave to submit their Annual Report to your reverend body, and ask for the suggestions therein contained your earnest consideration.

We regard ourselves as especially charged with the financial affairs of the Institution, and hence our attention is mainly directed towards obtaining the means for its support. For a few years past, by a judicious use of the funds, we have been enabled to realize from an interest bearing investment of say $60,000.00, an income of about $4,200.00: but, for the past year, this has been impossible, and will be impossible also for years to come. Our income cannot exceed say $3,600.00, while the salaries and current expenses aggregate about $4,300.00. To meet this deficiency it is the judgment of your Board, that it would be well for your reverend body to authorize us to use the income derived from the Building-Fund. This sum (the income), about $700.00, will enable us to go forward without involving the Institution in debt; for it is our duty to state, that unless this is done, or some *actual* provision made to increase its regular income, the Seminary will become involved to the amount of say $700.00 annually.

For the information of Synod, we may state, that a large proportion of the fund now known and carried along as Building-Fund was originally subscribed for "Endowment or Removal," but while this would give us a clear right to pass the aggregate of such notes to the Endowment-Fund, yet, in our judgment, it is not best to pursue this course. We prefer to hold this fund intact, and recommend, as already stated, that the interest only be used for the support of the Institution.

During the current year, the Seminary has received but little towards permanent endowment. More has been given for Beneficiary Education; and while we know, that the members of the Church are free to give their money as they please, we think that they can be largely influenced by judicious counsel from the pulpit and by the utterances of Synod. We suggest, therefore, that the Pastors be requested to preach at least one sermon annually on the necessity for an educated ministry and for the support of the Seminary, and also to use their personal influence with those of their members, who intend leaving legacies for benevolent purposes, to induce them to aid the Endowment-Fund of the Seminary. We believe some good would be accomplished in this direction, if Synod would pass a minute on the subject, and direct its publication in the papers of the Church.

The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, will explain the financial condition of the Seminary and of the various funds in our hands as a Board. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. Gross, *President*,
Edw. J. Zahm, *Secretary*,
Jno. B. Roth, *Treasurer*.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 2d, 1877.

The following are the statements from the Treasurer referred to in the foregoing report:

J B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary f the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

2, For interest, Geo. Besore's Bond to Oct. 1, 1876	$ 30	00
, " " Geo. Carbaugh, " April 1, 1876	60	00
, " Dividend, Harrisburg Bridge Co.	25	00
, " Interest on Loan		30
, " Rev. N. S. Strassburger's Plain'd Bond	21	75
, " on act. Geo. Carbaugh's Bond	60	00
, " Geo. W. Schroyer to Feb. 8, 1877	105	00
, " W. L. Harbaugh's Note, Feb. 13, 1877	18	00
, " J. B. Roth to April 1, 1877	150	00
, " on Loan	30	00
, " on act. Geo. Sarbaugh	90	00
, " Loan to date	41	00
, " G. S. Griffith to Jan. 1, 1877	30	00
, " E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1877	153	63
" A. B. Wingerd to April 1, 1877	192	81
, " W. E. Schmertz to January 1, 1877	30	00
, " Horst Bond to April 1, 1878	116	04
, " Kieffer Legacy to April 1, 1877	285	00
, " Cook Legacy to April 1, 1877	36	40
, " N. Central R. R. Bond	25	00
, " Diller Mortgage in full	702	68
" account W. Susq. Classis	4	50
, " account Goshenhoppen Classis	31	73
, " E. Susq. Classis to January 1, 1877	30	00
, " Mercersburg Classis to July 1, 1876	60	00
, " E. G. Smith	26	02
, " from Treasurer of Tohickon Classis to date	111	92
, " on account of Geo. Sarbaugh's Bond	50	00
, " Wm. J. Baer on account	600	00
, " Geo. W. Schroyer to date	105	00
, " W. L. Harbaugh to date	18	00
, " Bond of Zion's Classis to May 1, 1877	60	00
, Bal. of Relief Fund in hands of Treas.	54	65
, Interest Mercersburg Classis to July 1, 1877	60	00
, " on Loan	30	00
, " E. Penna. Classis to October 1, 1877	30	00
, Cash, Treas. F. and M. Col. for coal oil	11	52
, Interest on Loan	1	50
, " Lebanon Classis to June 30, 1877	30	00
, " on Horst Bond to Oct. 1, 1877	116	04
, " A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, 1877	188	40
, " J. B. Roth to Oct. 1, 1877	150	00
" Jos. Larner to Oct. 1, 1877	25	67
	$3, 997	56
1877, Balance due Treas.	1, 782	76
	$5, 780	32

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[illegible] ...er report	$1,312 40
[illegible] ...usman, Treas. F. and M. College	50 00
[illegible] ...erhart on acct	100 00
[illegible] ...rtle on acct	100 00
[illegible] ...ast on acct.	100 00
...ertzer & Co. Bill	23 80
[illegible] ...Apple on acct.	150 00
...ner for Wood	5 00
[illegible] ...erhart on acct	100 00
[illegible] ...ast, Salary to Jan. 1, 1877	100 00
[illegible] ...Apple on acct	100 00
...Ramsey & Co. Coal Bill	73 50
E. V. Gerhart on acct	100 00
...Bausman, Treas. F. and M. Col	50 00
...er & Slaymaker's Bill	2 14
[illegible] ...Apple. Salary to January 1, 1877	25 00
[illegible] ...Apple on acct	75 00
...eistand's bill	15 00
E. V. Gerhart, salary to January 1, 1877	75 00
F. A. Gast on acct	100 00
T. G. Apple on acct	100 00
F. A. Gast, salary to April 1, 1877	100 00
E. V. Gerhart, salary to April 1, 1877	375 00
T. G. Apple, salary to April 1, 1877	200 00
J. Bausman, Treasurer F. and M. Col	50 00
T. G. Apple on acct	200 00
E. V. Gerhart on acct	200 00
F. A. Gast on acct	100 00
Lane & Co.'s bill	2 51
E. G. Smith, Att'y, services	15 00
F. A. Gast, salary to July 1, 1877	100 00
Shertzer & Co. Stove, E. V. Gerhart	56 45
J. Bausman, Treas. F. and M. Col	50 00
Flinn & Breneman's bill	14 00
T. G. Apple, salary to July 1, 1877	175 00
E. V. Gerhart salary to July 1, 1877	175 00
P. W. Gorrecht's Coal bill	54 00
F. A. Gast on acct	100 00
T. G. Apple on acct	200 00
E. V. Gerhart	200 00
Allen & Sons Bill oil	11 52
F. A. Gast salary to Oct. 1, 1877	100 00
E. V. Gerhart salary to Oct. 1, 1877	175 00
T. G. Apple salary to Oct. 1, 1877	175 00
Int. on Klopp Legacy to Oct. 1, 1877	40 00
J. Bausman Treasurer of F. & M. Col	50 00
Stamps & Stationery	5 00
J. B. Roth salary on Treas acct. Oct. 1, 1877	100 00
	$5,780 32

[illegible] 1877 Balance due Treasurer to date	$1,782 76
[illegible] 1877, Collectable interest due to date	$1,360 71

:N B. ROTH, *Treasurer of Theological Seminary in acct. with* SMALTZ FUND.

DR.

. 17, For Balance due per acct. rend,		$ 54 39
. 8, " Interest received A. W. Russel		100 00
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h. 17, " " " A. W. Russel		100 00
h. 19, " " " A. W. Russel		60 00
		$314 39

1876. CR.

t. 30, By amount paid order No. 1	$50 00	
c 7, " " No. 2	50 00	
1877.		
ch. 19, " " No. 3	100 00	
l. 12, " " No. 4	50 00	
ne 5, " " No. 5	25 00	
pt. 14, " " No. 6	50 00	
	$325 00	
Amount Dr. down	314 39	
t. 1, Balance due Treasurer		$10 61

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* BUILDING FUND.

76. DR.

ct. 17, For amount per report to Board		$11.480 50
ct. 17, For interest received on account	$ 158 40	
1877.		
ct. 1, For interest received to Oct. 1, 77	383 85	
	$ 542 25	
ct. 1, For first Agency Notes paid	127 79	
ct. 1, For second Agency Notes paid	70 75	740 79
ct, 1, Total of Fund		$12,221 29

)HN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* PITTSBURGH PROFESSOR FUND.

76. DR.

t. 17, For amount reported to Board	$1,501 59
t. 18. For Rev. Abner Dale's Bequest	100 00
377.	
by. 3, For A Stewart's Note paid	26 62
t. 1, For Interest on Fund to date	90 09
t. 1, Total of Fund	$1,718 30

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1876.	DR.	
Oct. 17,	For balance due per report to Board	$31 45
Oct. 17,	For interest A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, 1876	19 46
Oct. 17,	" E. J. Zahm to Oct. 1, 1877	7 50
1877.		
Apr. 1,	" E. J. Zahm to Apr. 1, 1877	7 50
Apr. 4,	" A. B. Wingerd to Apr. 1, 1877	25 19
May 9,	" Jno. Miley to Apr. 1, 1876	30 00
Aug. 28,	" Philip Fisher to Apr. 1, 1877	30 00
		$151 10

1876.	CR.		
Nov. 25,	By amount paid F. Christern's bill	$2 00	
Nov. 29,	" " "	9 40	
1877.			
Jan. 20,	" " Reformed Church Pub. Board bill	13 00	
Feb. 6,	" " Pilger Buchhandlung bill	1 87	
Feb. 6,	" " J. M. Westhaeffer's bill	1 40	
Mch. 15,	" " J. M. Stoddart & Co.'s bill	6 00	
Mch. 24,	" " Smith, English & Co.'s bill	4 20	
May 9,	" " F. Christern's bill	4 50	
Sep. 20.	" " A. Bendel's bill	4 83	47 20
Oct. 1.	Balance in hands of Treasurer is		$103 90
Oct. 1.	Amount of Library Fund is		$1,862 50

Statement of Endowment Fund of THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1876.	DR.	
Oct. 17,	For amount reported to Board	$64,277 41
Oct. 18,	" received from Rev. M. A. Smith	17 00
Nov. 25,	" " Rev. Geo. P. Hartzell	15 15
Dec. 8,	" " Rev. D. P. Lady, Note account	50 00
Dec. 27,	" " Rev. Geo. P. Hartzell	3 25
1877.		
Jan. 3,	" " Rev. N. S. Strassburger for Plainfield Bond, Principal	100 00
May 29,	" " Rev. Geo. W. Snyder, Note ac...	25 00
Oct. 1,	Amount of Fund	$64,487 81

"Of this Fund only about $60,000 is interest bearing."

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

D. W. GROSS,
EDW. J. ZAHM.

LANCASTER, PA., OCT. 2, 1877.

b) Report of Board of Visitors..

IE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

spected Brethren: During the year that closed in May last, the tions of the Seminary were carried forward, as in previous years, erously and peacefully. No interruption occurred in the regular e of study. Both professors and students were permitted to at- to their respective duties with comfort from the beginning to lose of the year. There was no occasion for the exercise of dis- ie, and, so far as the faculty were able to judge, no exception be taken to the moral or Christian deportment of the students. report that their progress in their studies was commendable, hat their prevalent tone of piety and devotion to their work had the same as during the previous year. The members of the d, nearly all of whom were present at the annual meeting, were ied with the examinations of the different classes, as showing ence and progress on the part of the students. Whilst most of had enjoyed the benefit of a classical culture, it was gratifying to loard to learn, that those, who had not been favored with such ad- ages, had manifested all proper diligence to make up for such dis- atages by applying themselves the more earnestly to their studies. of the latter availed themselves of the opportunities offered to in the college and attended the lectures of the college profes- in order to make up for defects in their previous training.

t the last meeting of the Board, a standing rule was adopted, in rdance with which the members of the Senior class will be re- d hereafter to prepare written theses on some topic included in theological course, and to hand them over to the Board of Visitors xamination and criticism some time previous to their final ex- ation. It is believed, that this arrangement will be beneficial to tudents themselves and useful in assisting the Board to form a ect estimate of their general culture.

he number of students on the roll of the Seminary during the was thirty-three, thirteen in the Senior class, eleven in the dle and nine in the Junior class. All were in attendance ex- two.

he following students entered the Seminary and formed the Junior : John N. Appel, Robert C. Bowling, Maurice Bowman, S. P. rose Brown, Calvin K. Christman, M.D., Thomas J. Hacker, mas S. Land, Silas F. Lawry and M. Dumstrey v. Rheinsberg. h one exception they all entered at the opening of the Seminary . Four are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, one aduate of a medical school, one had pursued his studies in a gym- um in Germany, and the other three had more or less preliminary ing, for whom a special course was arranged according to the di- on of the Board.

he Senior class, having completed their studies and sustained a

satisfactory examination before the Board, received the usual certific of Dismission and Recommendation for Licensure, with the except of one, who, not intending to apply for licensure in our Church, ceived a certificate of honorable dismission. Their names are as lows: A. Revallin Bartholomew, Tilghman R. Dietz, Nevin H. Fi Henry S. Garner, Henry Keller, J. Calvin Leinbach, Blocadus S. M ger, J. Alvin Reber, Charles W. E. Siegel, Isaac S. Stahr, Ge M. Zacharias, Monroe P. Zeller and Louis F. Zinkhan.

Most of the members of this class have already received calls to p toral charges and are now engaged in the active duties of the mini But some are still awaiting the call to enter their future spheres of la It is a significant fact, that, owing to the regular increase in the istry from the different institutions of the Church during the pa years, the supply of ministers at the present time is in excess of demand. This has never been the case to the same extent, we sume, since the organization of our Church as a denomination in country. It is a matter for congratulation and of gratitude to t Head of the Church, who has thus heard the prayers of our peo and sent forth laborers into His vineyard. It shows that the eff put forth among us in years gone by to supply our congregations wi a suitable ministry have not been in vain in the Lord. But we ough at the same time, to be on our guard lest we slacken our efforts to pr vide for our spiritual destitutions. Our improved condition in th respect places us as a Church on vantage ground, and in a position t be more aggressive than we have been enabled to be hitherto. should, therefore, be regarded as a special call from on High redouble our exertions, to enlarge our borders, to lengthen our cor and to strengthen our stakes. There is much land for us yet to p sess; the destitutions still are great, and we are debtors both to Jew and the Gentile. Instead of allowing our zeal to provide labo for the great harvest to abate, we should seek rather to refresh a increase it. The Lord Himself will supply places within our bou for all whom He calls to labor in His harvest fields.

In this annual report it becomes our melancholy duty to refer to t death of Brother John Beck, of Easton, Pa., for many years a valu member of this Board, who fell asleep last April, in the meridian life. The Board made a becoming note of this sad event by placi a suitable minute of it in the records of its proceedings.

As a Board of Education, we report, that its income during t year, including a balance from last year of $875 96, was $2.116.3 and the amount paid out is $1628.25, leaving a balance in the treasu of $588.11 for meeting balance due on loan and other expenses. Th number of students receiving aid from the Church through this Boar in addition to those assisted through other channels, was nine.

All of which is very respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT OF TREASURER.

rd of Education of the Reformed Church in the United States in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

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balance in Treasury, Nov. 1st, 1876	$875 96
Cash received from the Classis of Lebanon	167 00
" " Philadelphia	62 00
" " West Susquehanna	553 30
" " Tohickon	222 72
rest on Klopp Legacy	40 00
rest from Publication Board	128 33
rest from Treasurer on balance of last year	52 55
dend in Harrisburg Bank	13 50
ı from Annie Betchtold, Pittsburgh	1 00
	$2,116 36

DR.

ash paid beneficiaries Lebanon Classis.	$167 00	
" West Susquehanna	467 00	
" Tohickon	199 90	
" General Board	130 00	
" Estate of N. Fisher, princ'pl	500 00	
" " " interest	60 00	
" Incidental Expenses	4 35	
" Balance in Treasury	588 11	$2,116 36

hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account per :hers, and find it correct, showing a balance in Treasury of 3 11.

llentown, Pa., Oct. 26, 1877. SAMUEL G. WAGNER.

he following paper from the Board of Trustees of Franklin and shall College was received and referred to the Committee on the ɔlogical Seminary:

esolved, That the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall Col- expresses its hearty thanks to the Synod of the Reformed Church he services of the professors of the Seminary, rendered to the Col- during the past year; requests a continuance thereof for at least her year; and especially desires Synod's consent to allow Dr. nas G. Apple to serve as Acting President of the College ılty, without salary from the College, until such time as the Board find itself able to pay him a salary commensurate with the ity and duties of the position.

xtract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Franklin Marshall College, held August 30, 1877.

Attest:

E. J. ZAHM, *Rec. Secretary.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received, taken up item by item, amended, and then adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary would report as follows:

The documents referred to us are the reports of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees, together with the reports of the Treasurers of these Boards, and also, the action of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, in regard to the services rendered to the College by the professors of the Seminary.

From the report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, we learn, that on October 1, 1877, $1,360.71, interest, were due the Board and the Board owed its Treasurer $1,782.76.

From the report of the Board of Visitors, it appears, that during the past year, the Theological Seminary enjoyed the blessings of continued peace and prosperity, and that thirty-three students were enrolled. The members of the Senior Class, upon the completion of their studies, received the usual certificates of dismission and recommendation for licensure, except one, who received only a certificate of honorable dismission. At the beginning of the present year, ten new students were enrolled.

From the report of the Board of Trustees, we learn, that owing to the financial difficulties of our country, the income derived from the endowment fund will be less than the current expenses of the Seminary. Your Committee would, therefore, offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be and hereby is authorized, until otherwise directed by Synod, to use the interest accruing from the "Building Fund," in meeting the deficiency in the income of the "Permanent Fund."

Resolved, That the pastors of the Church be requested to preach during the current year, one sermon in every congregation, on the necessity of an educated ministry, and in a private way, urge their benevolent and wealthy members to assist in increasing the Endowment Fund of the Theological Seminary.

From the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, it appears, that during the year ending October 24, 1877, $2,116.36 were received, and $1,528.25 paid out, leaving a balance of $588 11 in the hands of its Treasurer.

The Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, tenders its hearty thanks to Synod for the services of the professors of the Seminary rendered to the College, during the past year, and also requests a continuation thereof for at least another year, and especially the services of Dr. Thomas G. Apple, as acting President of the College Faculty.

Resolved, That the request be granted, and that said Board be

requested to compensate Dr. T. G. Apple reasonably for his services. Synod charged your Committee with the duty of proposing a plan to obtain two hundred dollars, the sum added to Prof. F. A. Gast's salary. We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That with a view to raise the amount proposed, the Rev. John W. Steinmetz be authorized to solicit subscriptions of $10 each, payable annually for five years, and that in case any deficiency should exist after his efforts have been exhausted, it be supplemented out of any funds in the Treasury of the Theological Seminary not otherwise appropriated.

In view of the continued prosperous condition of the Seminary, your Committee recommends the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod hereby expresses its sincere thanks to Almighty God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, for vouchsafing to the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., such a large measure of peace and prosperity, and prays for a continuation of the same divine blessing for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER,
Chairman.

When the second resolution in the above report was taken up, the Rev. David E. Klopp, D.D., raised the point of order, that the Synod had no right to go, in this form, directly to the ministry, but could reach them only through the Classes. The President decided that the point was not well taken, from which decision an appeal was taken to the Synod. The Synod, however, sustained the decision of the chair. Rev. Dr. Klopp thereupon gave notice that he would take this action of the Synod to the General Synod by way of complaint. The resolution was subsequently divided and the vote taken upon each section of it separately. In each case the motion for adoption prevailed.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.

Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Edward J. Zahm, Charles Santee, John Heilman, Owen L. Schreiber, John B. Roth, George W. Hensel, Aaron G. Renninger, William E. Schmertz, William J. Baer, Thomas J. Craig, Adam B. Wingerd, and William A. Wilt, of the former Board, were retained. In the place of those whose names are omitted, the following persons were chosen: Louis Markell, Henry Wirt, Isaac M. Kieffer, and Henry McConklin.

Board of Visitors.

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., Amos H. Kremer, D.D., Charles H. Leinbach, D.D., Samuel G. Wagner, Charles F. McCauley, D.D., Theodore Apple, D.D., Jacob O. Miller, D.D., Edward R. Eschbach,

and John M. Titzel, of the former Board, were retained. In the place of those whose names are omitted, the following persons were chosen: Rev. W. R. Humphrey Deatrich, Joseph H. Apple, and Thomas C. Porter, D.D.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary, who were to arrange the papers of the late Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D.D., and have them bound in volumes, reported progress, and were continued, with instructions to complete their work during the coming year, as far as practicable.

The following resolution was adopted

Resolved, That the salary of the Rev. Frederick A. Gast, D.D., Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Liturature in the Theological Seminary, be increased from $800 to $1000 per annum.

The method of furnishing the additional $200 was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following annual report was received from the Board of Missions:

To the Synod of the United States. Rev. Fathers and Brethren:—

The Superintendent of Missions will furnish you with a detailed account of our united work for the Synodical Year just closed. We, as a Board, desire to make the following additional statements of results, at the close of this first period of our joint work. Whilst we cannot present so flattering a statement of results as we desire to do, yet we feel assured, that sufficient has been accomplished by this united working of Missions, by the three Synods, as to encourage us to continue the plan, with the hope of something better in the future. Under this conviction, at our last annual meeting, Oct. 1, 1877, we adopted the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That this Board recommends to the several Synods which created the Board to continue the present (Tri-Synodic Union) plan of Missionary operations."

When we began this united work, or rather by the time we got into working order, the plan by which we proposed to do the work the three Synods had assigned us, almost six months of the first year

l elapsed. We started with an empty Treasury; and had thirty-Missions placed under our care, located at different places across entire continent, some of which Missions, owing to peculiar cir-mstances, we have found difficult to manage to this day. And by e time we had gotten into full operation, from four to five thousand llars was due our Missionaries, above the amount that had come to our Treasury from voluntary offerings; whilst the amount needed cover the current expenses of the first year was nearly $13,000.

Besides this, it will be remembered, that, up to the time we began his united work, the Synods in the several sections of the Church ad their separate Missionary Boards, and many of the Classes had he same; all of which was calculated to create confusion in the Missionary work of the Church. Consequently, there were many rivate claims first to be settled, and arrangements made, before all ould heartily enter into this work. In the meantime, the unsettled hancial condition of the country, and the panic which soon followed, ncreased our embarrassment.

These Synodical, Classical and local hindrances have, in a large-easure, passed away, by time and mutual forbearance, even though e financial condition of the country has not improved. There is ut one Classis now, in the three Synods, that does not co-operate ith us. Another of the Classes, of late, has resolved to pay appro-riations to the Missionaries in her bounds *first*, and then send us her urplus funds. Yet these brethren, we feel assured, will see ere ong, the wisdom of co-operating with the rest of the Church, in this lessed work.

During these four years, we have had forty-six Missions under our are, some of these, however, for only a part of the time. Of these, our have become self-supporting; nine a year ago were transferred to the Board of the German Synod, and three have been discontinued. We have received, under our care, during this time, ten new Missions; so that now, after these transfers and discontinuances, we have still thirty Missionaries remaining under the care of our Board.

We have reduced the expenses of the Board for the current year, rom $13,000, the first year, to $9,330 this year. And, although e have not so large a number, still we have as many promising issions as before. But, for the financial embarrassment of the ountry, that interrupted our plans, we should now not only be out f debt, but have occupied more territory, that said "come and help s." And yet we feel thankful to a kind Providence, that we have een able to do what we did, in the face of the hindrances we have had encounter from within and without. We may ourselves have been blame for some of these hindrances; but we are conscious, at the me time, that we have acted to the best of our judgment.

Much of the apportionments made by the Synods upon the Classes r Missions during these four years remains unpaid. This neglect the part of the Church, leaves us indebted to our Missionaries out $7,000. To this deficit, we call your serious attention, and

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If only one-half of our communicant membership, now in these ree Synods, 81,309, would give at an average of fifty cents each, is year for Missions, we should have over $20,000 for this cause.
The term for which the Superintendent was elected is about to ex-re. The Synods have made it our duty to nominate a successor. 'e have agreed unanimously to suggest the name of the Rev. Dr. heodore Appel, of the Synod of the United States, to fill that office r the coming term.
And whilst we unite with all Christians in the prayer, "Lord send ore laborers into the vineyard," we cannot but add to our prayer, hat our people may properly understand what is their duty in re-rd to the Missionary work of the Church, and have grace to give ore liberally of their means as God has prospered them." And to His name be all the glory in the Church, world without end. men.

York, October 17, 1877. J. O. MILLER, *Pres't.*
W. H. H. SNYDER, *Sec'y.*

The following additional action of the Board of Missions was re-ived and referred to the Committee on Missions:
Whereas it has come to the knowledge of this Board that East nnsylvania Classis has carried forward its missionary work inde-ndent of this Board: Therefore,
Resolved:
That the members of this Board, representing the Synod of the iited States, bring the action of the East Pennsylvania Classis to e attention of said Synod, and ask it to instruct East Pennsylvania assis to prosecute its missionary work strictly under the care of the i-Synodic Board.

II. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Superintendent of Mis-ns:

b the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pitts-burgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac:

Reverend and Dear Brethren:—At the close of another year of ssionary work by our Synods, I hereby submit for your considera-on a general statement in the way of report respecting the same.

Synod in the United States.

Though this is the oldest Synod, the fruitful mother of the others, e home of the earliest and largest Reformed settlements in the land, t it has now, and owing to its including so many large towns and ies in its territory, will likely continue to have a goodly proportion he whole number of our Missions within its bounds. During the r there were *fifteen*, all of them, with two exceptions, in cities or iving towns.

Catasauqua, Pa. John J. Christ, pastor. The late pastor of th Mission, Rev. A. B. Koplin, after a number of years spent in har and successful labor, accepted a call from the Hellertown charg His successor finds, however, still much to do; has so far found favo with his people and the community. English and German. App. old, $600; new, $350.

Allentown, Pa. Christ Church. Jared Fritzinger, pastor. Thi Mission is but little more than a year old. It has been in large par a labor of love with its pastor. Its members have suffered from lack of work, and as times brighten, its prospects will doubtless brighten. Has a good Sunday School. German. App. $300.

Easton, Pa. *Grace Church.* Daniel Y. Heisler, pastor. Gaining in membership, consistence and self-consciousness. English. App. $200.

Reading, Pa. *St. John's.* John W. Steinmetz, pastor. This congregation has its large church and parsonage about completed. It is well located, the only drawback to which is a heavy debt. Has been highly prosperous, and looks toward a useful and influential future. English and German. App. $400.

Shenandoah City, Pa. Vacant. For several years past this Mission was served by the Rev. E. D. Miller, with great self-denial and a good degree of success. The congregation is well supplied by a Committee of Lebanon Classis. German and English. App. $300.

Philadelphia, Pa. *St. John's.* J. Samuel Vandersloot, pastor. Steady, wisely directed work has always been necessary in this Mission. It labors under pecuniary difficulties, and yet it has many valuable elements of strength in it, and undoubted opportunities of growth before it, if they can only be utilized. The present pastor has taken charge within the year, and it cannot yet be seen to what extent blessings will attend his labors. English. App. $300.

Wyoming, Del. E. H. Dieffenbacher, pastor. The membership of this Mission is growing. A visit to Caroline county, Md., has shown, that most likely a congregation can be organized in that section, which might, for some time at least, be served by the pastor at Wyoming. For many reasons we believe that a separate charge may be formed in the Eastern Shore of Maryland, as many of our own people are buying land in Kent, Queen Anne, and Caroline counties. English. App. $300.

Harrisburgh, Pa. *Second Church.* George W. Snyder, pastor. Nothing marked occurred in this Mission during the year. It has a good location, a fine building, and an inviting future. English. App. 300.

Harrisburgh, Pa. *Zwingli.* Wm. T. Gerhard, pastor. The late pastor, Rev. Moritz Noll, followed a call to Ohio in the early part of the year. Then came a long vacancy. The veteran, Father Gerhard, has now taken charge, and judging from his success at Lancaster in a similar work, we may predict prosperity for this congregation. German. App. $250.

ia, Pa. Conrad Clever, pastor. Congregation doing well. nternally in character and externally in membership. App., ; new, $50.

, Pa. Vacant. German and English. App. $75. Should d soon, or will soon suffer.

arre, Pa. Vacant. The English Mission in this place was under the name of Trinity, last January. For a short time Rev. J. B. Shontz had been laboring here and getting things this event. He was liked by his people, and gathered a ip of some forty by spring, when, with the consent of the Council, he retired from the Mission. The appropriation rate of $600.

ol, Pa. Willoughby Donat, pastor. This brother has The field is now self-sustaining since June last. The ap- n for the last year was $80. English and German.

Haven, Pa. Church of the Resurrection. Isaac S. Stahr, Vacant from May to October. A German congregation, independent, located four miles from Lock Haven, has been y West Susquehanna Classis, and connected with this Mis- is necessitated the calling of a pastor, who could use readily h and the German language. App., old, $400 ; new, $300. ntendent I feel constrained to express full conviction, that f $300 appropriated to this Mission is entirely inadequate, d be raised to $400, at the earliest possible date.

le, Pa. Supplied by a Committee of Tohickon Classis in with the Superintendent of Missions. The main part of erial labor has hitherto been done by the Rev. Jacob Kehm. church, a gem in its way, is finished. There has been a done here in unfavorable times.

e Missions in the Eastern Synod, one, the Liverpool, has lf-supporting during the year. Several of the others are that point, while others again will need help for several me, and well deserve that help. Lansdale has not cost us priation, and will doubtless be connected with a neighbor- e.

Pittsburgh Synod.

organization of the German West Pennsylvania Classis out nbership of this Synod, and the transfer of its Missions to n German Synod, the number of Missions in the Pittsburgh been greatly decreased. There are now seven; though, in o these, two of the Classes support each one or two weak ith the Missionary aid, on their own responsibility.

ing, Pa. D. S. Dieffenbacher, pastor. Self-supporting June. Has been very prosperous. English. Appropriation $165.

le, Pa. J. Heberle, pastor. New life and energy seem to to this congregation. The pastor has a large field of use- oth in Titusville and in surrounding towns. German.).

Cumberland, Md. F. R. Schwedes, pastor. This has come to b a solid interest. Besides the main congregation in Cumberland, the is a branch congregation in Keyser City. German. App., old, $350 new, $300.

Scottdale, Pa. Samuel Z. Beam, pastor. Mission in this plac has been doing well. Ought, however, to be connected with som neighboring congregations to make it self-supporting within a reason able time. English. App., old $250; new, $200.

Pittsburgh, Pa First Church. Rev. W. F. Lichliter, pastor. Thi congregation has not always run a smooth course. It has had to contend with serious internal and external difficulties. These anterior to the coming of the present pastor. If this congregation, always self-supporting, with the exception of a short period, is to be saved to the Reformed Church, all who are concerned with it will have to act discreetly, energetically and with a liberal hand. English. App. $400.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Trinity. J. M. Souder, pastor. Suffered from hard times, like many other Missions. The pastor is liked by his people and looks hopefully to the future. English. App. $250—continued.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Zion's. H. D. Darbaker, pastor. The number of members has been increased during the year. General harmony prevails. English. App. $300.

Of the Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod, here enumerated, one—that in Kittanning—has become self supporting during the year. The others will need more or less continuous help for several years to come. They are all located in prominent places.

Synod of the Potomac.

The Missions of this Synod are ten in number. Generally speaking they have done well.

Duncannon, Pa. U. H. Heilman, pastor. This charge has made progress during the year. The people of the congregations have commendably gone to work and aided the pastor, which fact has greatly encouraged him. English and German. App., old, $300; new, $200.

Winchester, Va. Charles G. Fisher, pastor. A material improvement in this charge has been the purchase, on favorable terms, of a suitable parsonage. The Mission has also otherwise made progress. English. App., old, $350; new, $250.

Orbisonia, Pa. John M. Schick, pastor. In this Mission, consisting of several small congregations, one new church is building, and one old one purchased is undergoing repairs. Solid work has been done here. English. App., old, $200; new, $150.

Chambersburg, Pa. St. John's. Carl Gundlach, pastor. A smal congregation, to which a number of members have been added durin the year. German. App., old, $100; new, $75.

Sulphur Springs, Pa. W. Augustus Gring, pastor. The brother boring in this field is greatly encouraged. The people have built parsonage. Future hopeful. English. App. $200; continued.

Washington, D. C. St. Stephen's. Supplied by the Superintendent f Missions for near two years, aided by a committee appointed by Maryland Classis. For more than a year past regular services every wo weeks as a rule, except during the hot season. Organization ade amid much good feeling on Sunday, October 7; one person conmed, one received on confession of faith, and the Holy Communion, ith goodly attendance, celebrated in the evening of the same day. he Board has resolved that the appropriation be $1000, and that Missionary shall be commissioned as soon as a suitable man can be ocured. (See under this head a separate item near the close of e report.)

Pacific Coast Missions.

San Francisco, Cal. John H. Krueger, pastor. There are evident igns of life in the Mission here. The people are subscribing for the elief of their church debt with the expectation of help from the East. ome members have also been added. Sunday School in good conition. German. App., $300; new, $225.

Napa, Cal. Frederick Fox, pastor. Not much change in this Mission. The pastor has been heavily afflicted by the loss of his wife, who deserves kindest remembrance in this connection, inasmuch as she led a life of great usefulness to the Mission itself. German and English. App., old, $440; new, 310.

Portland, Oregon. John Gantenbein, pastor. Suitable lots for church and parsonage have been bought, and a chapel is in course of erection. It is expected that very little debt will remain after the chapel is completed. Thus, the Mission will get a prominent character. It is centrally located, also, for exerting an influence over other communities in the State. German. App., old, $500; new, $400.

Salem, Oregon. J. Müllhaupt, pastor. The effort in this field has been to organize one or two congregations, toward which end fair progress has been made. The difficulties in the way are, however, also, numerous, a fact not to be overlooked. The pastor has to undergo many privations. German. App., $300; continued.

Summary.

Missions in Synod in United States	15
" " Pittsburgh Synod	7
" " Synod of the Potomac	10
Total	32

Miscellaneous Items.

Iowa Missions. There are several Missions in Iowa Classis sustained part by funds coming from these Synods. As they are in no ay under our control, we have no report from them.

Mission Territory. I cannot let this opportunity pass without c ing the attention of the Synods to the promising territory for fou ing Mission congregations, which is more and more open to the l formed Church. Philadelphia New York, Boston, Baltimore a Pittsburgh, have an open door for us to enter. In each one, or its i mediate suburbs, a new congregation could be organized at any ti we chose to do it. Delaware, Eastern Maryland and Virginia are r ceiving a large influx of Reformed immigration from the older setti ments. The same is measurably true of Tennessee; and very large of Texas, whither whole colonies from East Pennsylvania, for exampl are going now; and many more are likely to go. We should h hold of all these localities in good time.

Washington, D. C. The English interest in this city, as elsewhe in this report noticed, has now obtained form under the name of S Stephen's congregation, organized on Sunday, October 7th, 187 with twenty odd members. Two elders and two deacons were electe confirmation was had, and the first communion celebrated. Tho acquainted with the facts know that much and long continued labo patience and hopefulness were demanded to bring about this happ issue, *an event of more than ordinary consequence to our entire Churc* The committee having the interest in charge, consisting of the Re Dr. Geo. L. Staley, Joel T. Rossiter and the Superintendent of Mi sions, had a meeting in Washington City, and asked me to bring th following requests of said committee, unanimously adopted, to th special attention of our three Synods, which I herewith do:

1. The committee asks that an appropriation of $1,500 per annu be voted by the Synods to the support of a suitable pastor for th important field, the contributions of Maryland Classis to go direct the covering of this sum so far as they reach. For a less sum th this the committee are confident no suitable pastor, having a fami to support, can be secured.

2. That the three Synods pledge themselves to raise in the way Church Extension, for securing a lot and chapel for this St. Stephen congregation, the sum of $5000. This, the committee suggests, be divided among the Synods, as follows:

Synod of the United States	$3.0
" " Potomac	1,5
Pittsburgh Synod	5

Reflections.

By the first of December next, four years will have passed sin our present Board of Missions officially and actively began its wo That was the term, too, for which the Superintendent was elect and for which substantially unchanged the Board itself was continue.

What did we find then? A Mission Board in the two East Synods, a Mission Board in the Pittsburgh Synod, and Miss

oards, or Committees acting as such, in a number of the Classes. urthermore, we found a debt of over $5,000, owing by these several oards and Classes, and a current expense account in the neighborood of $13,000 per annum, with an income considerably below it, nd the Missionary cause on the high tide to manifold embarrassents. To crown all, we stood at the threshold of a panic, unexamled for sapping everything in the history of our country.

And what have we done? We have driven out of existence this ildernness of Mission Boards.

We have succeeded after two years effort, in getting all the Classes -except North Carolina—to co-operate with the Board of these ynods. This was one of the most difficult things in the history of ur Church, practically to accomplish, and from indications it will be ound one of the most difficult things to keep accomplished in the uture. Yet it is fundamental to all true, permanent success in the ork.

We have reduced the running expenses from $13,000 to a little ver $9,000 per annum; and support with this about as many promsing Missions as were supported with the original larger sum.

In a number of Classes the sums contributed for Missions have been teadily rising; in others they have been stationary, and in several hey have fallen off we are sorry to say, caused, however, it is said by the brethren in those Classes, by extra severity of the times in their ocalities. We have proved that the claims of the several Classes, nd the claims of a general Board, can be harmonized by proper mediation, whenever that mediation is allowed to come in; and its greements are equally supported by both parties.

But—Well, the present arrangement has left much undone. It has doubtless been guilty of errors of omission; and of commission, too. I presume no sensible person expected it to meet all wants and stop all woes in our Missionary work. Four years are too short a period for that. Besides, the general plan, while I hold it, as a whole, to be the best by far we have hitherto inaugurated, has shown some serious defects in its workings as might have been expected. The principal defect consists beyond all reasonable question, in the *accidental system of brakes*, as I might most expressly *call* it, external and internal, which has greatly obstructed its efficiency, and defeated some of the plainest ends it was intended to meet. And in any reconstruction that may be attempted, it should be borne in mind, that any course having the limited propelling force of our Missionary work cannot bear many brakes, multiplied checks. The object should be to eliminate them, wherever possible. Again, the vigorous carrying forward of our Missionary operations demands a free, untrammelled executive head, to whom Boards are advisory, but the Synods alone are mandatory. Let it be the President of the Board; let it be a numerically small committee, selected wisely for the purpose; let it be a General Superintendent. Any of these, especially the first or the

[illegible]
of Missions:

[illegible]

[illegible]
of the Board for the year [illegible]

Classis of Philadelphia.....	
" Goshenhoppen ...	
" East Pennsylvania	
" Lehigh	
" Lancaster	
" East Susquehanna	
" West Susquehanna	
Total from Synod of the U. S	
Classis of Zion	
" Maryland	
" Mercersburg.....	
Total from Synod of the Ev	
Classis of Allegheny.....	
" Clarion	
" Somerset	
From Treas. of Synod.....	
Total from Synod of Pa.	
From California Classis.....	
From Miscellaneous Sources	
Balance in Treasury, Oct.	
Total from all sources	

I have also received during the year the following named sums on account of subscriptions made to Rev. John Gantenbein for Church Extension on the Pacific Coast, viz.,

Schuylkill Classis:		
From Rev. D. Rothrock		$ 135 00
Lancaster Classis:		
From Mrs. Geo. H. Small, Harrisburg	$ 57 37	
" Reformed Salem Church	50 00	
" Geo. Z. Kunkel	100 00	
" Wm. H. Seibert	50 00	
		257 37
Total		$392 37

This sum has been appropriated towards the payment of a Lot of Ground in Portland, Oregon, purchased by Rev. John Gantenbein.

Very respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, Oct. 8, 1877.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 9, 1877.

I do hereby certify that I examined the preceding account, comparing it with the vouchers, and found it to be correct, leaving a balance of five hundred and seventy dollars and eighty-four cents ($570 84) in the treasury.

D. W. GROSS, *Committee.*

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Committee on Missions, taken up item by item, and adopted:

The Committee on Missions respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

The following documents have been placed in our hands: The reports of the Board of Missions, the Superintendent of Missions and the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. Also, a resolution of the Board of Missions, in reference to the action of the East Pennsylvania Classis in its missionary work.

From a careful examination of these papers, we find that our missionary operations have been carried forward during the year with commendable zeal and some success. Of the forty-six missions under the care of the Board during the past four years, four have become self-sustaining; nine were transferred one year ago to the Board of Missions of the German Synod, and three have been discontinued. During this time ten new missions were received, making a total of thirty missionaries under the care of the Board at the present time.

We find from the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, that of the $9,000 apportioned to the several Classes by the Synod at Reading, only $4,259.87 have been paid in, leaving a balance of $4,740.13 yet unpaid.

The Committee respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That the following apportionments be made to cover the expenses for the current year:

2. T[illegible]

3. [illegible]

4. That the [illegible] Superintendent.

5. That the Classis [illegible] cute its missionary operat[illegible]

6. That the appropri[illegible] sion congregation at Wa[illegible] whatever amount of sala[illegible]

7. That the sum of $[illegible] ses for the purchase of [illegible] ington, D. C., for the [illegible] for the classical year beg[illegible] and the same for the cla[illegible] spectively.

8. That the following [illegible] Classes and that each [illegible] raising its own proportio[illegible]

East Pennsylva[illegible]	
Lebanon, ...	
Philadelphia, ..	
Go henhoppen,	
Tohickon, ...	
East Susquehan[illegible]	
West Susquehan[illegible]	
Lancaster, ...	
Total.....	

9. That the Board of [illegible]

The officers of Synod were instructed to take charge of the Missionary meeting provided for in the above report. The meeting was held on Monday evening. The services were opened with invocation and hymn by the President, followed with prayer by the Stated Clerk. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. George Wolff, D.D. and Theodore Appel, D.D. These were followed by volunteer addresses from others. A more than usual interest was manifested on the occasion.

V. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following persons were elected the Board of Missions to serve four years from January first, 1878: Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, Charles F. McCauley, D.D., Daniel Y. Heisler, William H. H. Snyder and Calvin S. Gerhard; and Elders Daniel W. Gross and George W. Hensel.

ARTICLE XV.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their Annual Report, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report. It was received and referred to the Committee on Finance, except the nominations for filling the vacancy occurring in the Board, which were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

To the Rev. Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The Board of Trustees of Synod beg leave to present the following report:

The Board is at present constituted of the following persons:

Samuel Kuhn,	whose term	will expire	January	1, 1878.
George W. Hensel,	"	"	"	1, 1879.
C. H. Leinbach, D. D.,	"	"	"	1, 1880.
George H. Small,	"	"	"	1, 1881.
James T. Reber,	"	"	"	1, 1882.

As the term of the member first named will expire on the first day of January, 1878, we respectfully propose the names of Rev. William T. Gerhart and Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, as candidates to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL KUHN, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GEO. W. HENSEL, *Treasurer Synod Reformed Church in th United States.*

FOR CONTINGENT FUND.

DR.

1876.			
Nov.	2,	To Balance in hands of Treasurer	$6
1877.			
Apr.	5,	Cash of W. Susq. Classis, per Rev. Geo. E. Addams	1
"	27,	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser	5
"	30,	" Lancaster Classis, per Rev. A. H. Kremer	3
May	18,	" Phila. Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq	162
"	22,	" Lancaster Classis, per Rev. A. H. Kremer	41
"	23,	" East Susq. Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq	93
"	23,	" West Susq. Classis, per Rev. G. E. Addams	77
"	26,	" Lancaster Classis, per Rev. A. H. Kremer	58
Sep.	22,	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser	40
"	24,	" Tohickon Classis, per E. Shellenberger, Esq	111
Oct.	6,	" West Susq. Classis, per Rev. G. E. Addams	24
"	15,	" Tohickon Classis, per E. Shellenberger, Esq	10
"	24,	" East Penna. Classis, per S. G. Wagner	200
			$ 984

CR.

1877.			
Jan.	23,	By Cash paid the several Members of the Board of Synod Traveling Expenses, viz., Rev. S. Kuhn, 1 60, Rev. C. H. Leinbach, 5 50, Geo. W. Hensel, 8 55	$ 15
May	1,	Cash paid Rev. Saml. R. Fisher, Salary as stated Clerk, translating, etc.,	121
"	24,	Cash paid Rev. S. R. Fisher, Treas. Pub. Board, for Printing Minutes of Synod	287
Oct.	24,	By Bal. in hands of Treasurer	56c
			$ 984

SEMINARY FUND.

DR.

1876.			
Nov.	2,	To Balance in hands of Treasurer	$ 1
1877.			
Apr.	6,	Cash received from B. Wolff, Jr., six months' Interest on Mortgage	13
"	9,	Cash received for six months' Interest on Cook Legacy	3
"	"	Cash rec'd for six months' Interest on Northern Central R.R. Bond	3
"	12,	Cash rec'd fron W. L. Heyser, six months' Interest on Mortgage	15
Oct.	10,	Cash rec'd from B. Wolf, Jr., six months' Interest on Mortgage	13
"	12,	Cash rec'd for six months' interest on Northern Central R.R. Bond	3
"	"	Cash rec'd for six months' Interest on Cook Legacy	2
"	17,	Cash received from W. L. Heyser, for six months' Interest on Mortgage	15
			$ 69

CR.

1877. Apr.	19, By Cash paid Jno. B. Roth, Esq, Treasurer Theological Seminary, six months' Interest on Cook and Kieffer Legacies, and Interest on Northern Central R. R. Bond	$346 40
Oct.	19, By Cash paid, do., do	347 35
		$ 693 75

FOR PUBLICATION BOARD.

DR.

1877. Mar.	15, To Cash received from Rev J. F. Wiant, Agent Publication Board	$150 00
Oct.	6, Do., do	120 00
"	24, Balance due Treasurer	30 00
		$ 300 00

CR.

1877. Apr.	4, By Cash paid Geo. Fox, Esq., six months' Interest on Loan of $5,000	150 00
Oct.	15, Do., do	150 00
		$ 300 00

The following Classes within the bounds of this Synod are in arrears, viz.,

East Pennsylvania	$ 60 00
Goshenhoppen	120 00
East Susquehanna	196 00
West Susquehanna	99 85
Lebanon	260 00
Philadelphia	175 00
Tohickon	108 98
Lancaster	178 00
	$1197 83

There have been no changes in the investments of Synod during the past year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. HENSEL, *Treasurer.*

QUARRYVILLE, PA., October 24, 1877.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees of Synod, have examined the foregoing account of Geo. W. Hensel, Treasurer of Synod, compared his vouchers, and find it correct.

JAMES T. REBER,
CHAS. H. LEINBACH.

HARRISBURG, PA., Oct. 19, 1877.

The following communication was received from the President of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Reverend and Dear Brethren:—Two years ago your venerable body instructed its Board of Trustees to borrow five thousand dollars for the relief of the Publication Board. This duty was attended to, as previously reported; the money was loaned from Mr. George Fox, of Hummelstown, Penn'a. Having met this gentleman yesterday, he wished to know if we could pay him back one thousand by next April. The remainder, he said, might stand as long as we needed it.

As this is a matter for the Synod to act upon, I thought i to communicate the above, in order to bring it to the notice body.

Yours very obediently, SAMUEL KU
President of the Board of Tr

Hummelstown, Pa., Oct. 26, '77.

A request from the Lancaster Classis to Synod, reported Committee on Minutes of Classes, to apportion no more for co fund than is actually necessary to meet unavoidable demands u Synodical treasury, was referred to Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be and hereby is aut to set apart the sum of five hundred dollars annually, until ot ordered, for the purpose of creating a Sinking-Fund, for the p of the loan of $5,000, which was ordered by the Synod at La in 1875, to aid the Publication Board; and that the Finance C tee be directed to provide for this sum by a special assessment.

The Committee on Finance, to whom the foregoing document referred, submitted their report. It was received, taken up, i item, and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to report, that the following paper submitted to their consideration:

a) The Treasurer's Report audited by a Committee of the of Trustees.

b) A resolution of Lancaster Classis, requesting Synod to ma apportionment as light as possible.

c) A letter from Rev. Samuel Kuhn, President of the Bo Trustees, informing Synod that Mr. Geo. Fox, who loaned $5,(the Synod for the use of the Publication Board, desires the pa of $1,000 by next April. This matter was referred to your mittee with instructions.

d) Also, the resolution of Synod, having for its object the tion of a sinking fund, to pay off, gradually, the whole amo $5,000 borrowed for the use of the Publication Board.

From the Treasurer's Report we learn, that the following C are in arrears to the extent herewith stated:

East Pennsylvania	$
Goshenhoppen	1
East Susquehanna	1
West "	
Lebanon Classis	2
Philadelphia	1
Tohickon	1
Lancaster	1
	$1,1

also learn from the Treasurer's Report, that he holds a balance d of cash, amounting to $560.25; and that the probable ex- for the current year, with those of the General Synod included, ıount to $1,000.00.

r Committee would recommend for the payment of the Contin- und the following apportionment:

'ennsylvania	$100 00
ɔn	100 00
ıhoppen	60 00
.on	45 00
ıter	65 00
·usquehanna	65 00
"	50 00
elphia	65 00
	$550 00

ortionment for Sinking Fund:

'ennsylvania	$140 00
ɔn Classis	140 00
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ıhoppen	100 00
·usquehanna	115 00
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elphia	50 00
	$810 00

r Committee would recommend the following:

ɔlved, That the Treasurer of Synod be, and is hereby instructed, the interest on the $5,000 loan made for the use of the Publi- Board.

ɔlved, That the Treasurer of Synod be, and is hereby instructed, such an amount of the principal of the $5,000 borrowed from 'eo. Fox, as he can spare, not exceeding $1,000 by April,

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. W. STEINMETZ,
Z. A. YEARICK,
C. NEWHARD.
} *Committee.*

'. David E. Klopp, D. D. and John H. Sechler gave notice, that rould complain to the General Synod against the action of Synod pting the report of the Committee on Finance. Rev. Samuel her, D. D. and Thomas C. Porter, D. D., were appointed a com-

mittee to defend the action of this Synod before the General Synod, in case the complaints of which notice has been given, shall be prosecuted before that body.

An election was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod. Rev. Tilgham O. Stem and Henry A. Keyser, were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the President. The election resulted in the choice of the Rev. William H. H. Snyder.

Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, John H. Sechler and Elder Abraham Mader, were appointed a committee to collect an assessment of fifty cents from each member of Synod, to defray the immediate contingent expenses of Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to collect an assessment of fifty cents upon each member of Synod for the benefit of the Sexton of this church, respectfully report:

That they have attended to their duty. Twenty-eight dollars is the amount collected, and this has been paid to pastor, Rev. Samuel G. Wagner.

Very respectfully submitted,

D. W. GERHARD, *Chairman*,

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on the Minutes of Classes in regard to the several items in the proceedings of Classes, reported by it as Irregularities, was affirmed.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the different Classes connected with this Synod be directed to instruct their Stated Clerks to furnish their several pastors each year, with a copy of the blank for a statistical report of a pastoral charge adopted by the General Synod, and also to use in their statistical report of Classis to Synod, the blank adopted by the General Synod for that purpose.

Resolved, That the attention of the different Classes be called to article of the Constitution, requiring them to defray the expenses their respective delegates to the annual meetings of Synod; and t, in accordance with such provision, the Classes be instructed to form this duty.

Resolved, That the attention of the several Classes, and through m, the attention of the pastors and consistories of the several rges under their care, be called to the importance of the more eful observance of the first part of Article 130 of the Constitu-n, which reads as follows: "Members of the Church, moving from e bounds of one congregation to those of another, shall obtain a rtificate of Membership and Dismission, and connect themselves at e earliest opportunity with the congregation to whose bounds they ave removed."

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee appointed by the Synod of last year to propose a programme of subjects in relation to Sunday-Schools for discussion at the present annual sessions of Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to prepare a programme for a Sunday-School meeting to be held during the sessions of this Synod, respectfully submit the following programme:

1. Is the Sunday-School producing the largest spiritual results of which it is capable? *Primarius:* Rev. John W. Steinmetz—*Secundus:* Rev. L. Kryder Evans.

2. The necessity of greater co-operation upon the part of our ecclesiastical judicatories in the Sunday-School work. *Primarius:* Rev. David E. Klopp, D. D.—*Secundus:* Rev. Tilgham O. Stem.

3. Teachers' Meetings. *Primarius:* Rev. Darius W. Gerhard—*Secundus:* Rev. Henry A. Keyser.

4. The Sunday-School in its relation to the Missionary Work. *Primarius:* Rev. Franklin K. Levan—*Secundus:* Rev. Geo. Wolff, D. D.

The principal speakers will be limited to fifteen minutes. All miscellaneous addresses to be limited to five minutes.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES CRAWFORD,
J. G. DENGLER,
PHILIP FREDERICK. } *Committee.*

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The Annual Repo[illegible]
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Annual Report of

To the Synods of th[illegible]
the Board of Publica[illegible]
States, respectfully su[illegible]

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the year has not passe[illegible]

The new charter, a copy of which was submitted to the Synod at their last annual meetings, has passed through the Court, to which such matters are submitted, and obtained full legal sanction. The Board has formally adopted it, and has since been acting under its provisions. The third Section of the Charter commits to the several Synods represented in the Board, the duty of determining the number of Trustees who shall constitute the Board, and the time, manner, and order of their succession, provided that no more than one-third of the Trustees shall be removed in any one year, and that at least two-thirds of them shall at all times be citizens of the State of Pennsylvania. With a view to facilitate the work involved in this duty, the Board has deemed it proper, after a careful consideration of the subject, to suggest to the several Synods the mutual adoption of the following arrangement, and the carrying of it into immediate effect.

"The Board shall be constituted of seven members distributed amongst the three Synods as at present, and the term of service for which each shall be elected, be four years. They shall be chosen in the following order: At the present meetings of the Synods, one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of the United States and of Pittsburgh; at the meetings of the following year, one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of the United States and of the Potomac; at the meetings of the year next ensuing, one member shall be elected by each of the Synods of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac, and at the meetings of the still succeeding year, one member shall be elected by the Synod of the United States; and the same order shall be observed in all succeeding years, the vacancies occurring being stated in the annual report of the Board to the Synods. The members of the present Board shall retain their places until they are succeeded in the order here laid down."

As rumors had, in some way, obtained currency, seriously questioning the solvency of the financial condition of the Board, and exerting an influence damaging to its interests, the Board, with a view to ascertain what are the real facts in the case, appointed a committee, consisting of one member from each of the Synods represented in the Board, at its meeting in July last, to whom was assigned the duty of meeting at the Publication-Rooms on the Tuesday morning previous to the regular closing quarterly meeting of the Board held on Thursday evening, October 4th, and examining into the condition of the Establishment; and then to report the result of their investigations to the Board. This committee attended to the duty assigned it, and made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

"The undersigned committee appointed by the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the purpose of examining into the condition of said Board, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee met at the Rooms of the Publication Board on Tuesday, October 2d, 1877, and after a full and careful investigation of the liabilities and a fair and just valuation of the Assets of the Board, find the following result:

Assets:	Real Estate, ...		$35,000.00
	Other assets as per subjoined statement, ...		46,491.00
			$81,491.00
Liabilities:	Mortgage on Real Estate,..	$20,000.00	
	Other liabilities as per subjoined statement, ...	29,606.83	=$49,606.83
	Assets over liabilities, ...		$31,884.17

In examining the printed matter on hand, your committee find a large amount, which has been ordered by Synod, at different times, but which still remains on hand and is unsaleable, and from this source a considerable amount of loss has been sustained by the Board.

It is a source of pleasure for your committee to report, that, in examining the stock of books, stationery, &c., on hand, we find it in great part fresh, saleable, and in good order, reflecting much credit upon Mr. Charles H. Taylor, the present efficient Business Agent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. HENSEL,
B. WOLFF, JR.,
A. B. WINGERD, } *Committee.*

The subjoined statement referred to by the committee is found in the General Statement of the operations of the Board during the past year and of the present condition of the Establishment, submitted to the Board by the Superintendent, which accompanies this document, together with a full itemized statement of the particulars which make up the several items contained in the general statement. This General Statement, besides giving the Assets and Liabilities of the Board, furnishes the following summary of the receipts and disbursements for the year:

Receipts, ...	$34,479.16	
Disbursements, ...	36,377.36	
Excess of Disbursements, ...	$1,898.20	
Treasurer's advances, October 1st, 1876,		$12,359.40
Add excess of disbursements, ...		1,898.20
Total advances, October 1st, 1877, ...		$14,275.60

By an examination of the accompanying papers, it will be seen, that there has been during the year an increase in the number of subscribers over discontinuances, to the "Messenger," three hundred and sixty-eight; "Guardian," one hundred and twenty; "Review," eight, and "Lesson Papers," one thousand and seventy-five; and a decrease in the number of subscribers to the "Child's Treasury," of one hundred and seventy-nine. In the receipts on account of "Child's Treasury," "Lesson Papers," and "Review," there has been an encouraging advance over the previous year; but in those on account of the "Messenger," the decrease has been large, and merely nominal in the case of the "Guardian." It is a singular fact, that, whilst the latter shows a considerable increase in the number of subscribers, there should be a falling off in the receipts in their account, especially to such a large extent as in the case of the "Messenger." Had these receipts for the year on their account borne an increase over the receipts of the previous year, corresponding with the increase in the number of subscribers, the Board would have been able to report an excess in the receipts over the disbursements for the year, instead of an opposite result. All this has occurred, whilst most constant pressing and persevering efforts have been made on the part of the officials of the Board, to secure a prompt and full return of receipts on account of the papers in question. The result may be attributable to the embarrassed condition of the monetary affairs of the country, from the effects of which, it is hoped, there will be soon offered some tangible relief.

The several periodicals issued by the Board furnish an income sufficient to cover the expenses incurred in their publication, except the "Review" and the "Messenger." The former still falls short some $200 or $300; as has been the case during previous years. As the continuance of its publication is deemed necessary for the interests of the Church, its friends should rally around it, and give it at least a living support. In regard to the latter, "The Messenger," it has been gaining steadily in the number of subscribers ever since its location in Philadelphia, commencing with two thousand, nine hundred and seventy, and now reaching nearly five thousand. Its income during the greater portion of this time covered its expenses, the main deficit being during the past two years, owing to the decrease in the subscription-price and the increased expenses incurred by the additional force employed on the paper and the superior style in which it is issued. As the Superintendent stated at the time the new departure was taken, it will require a subscription-list of at least ten thousand paying subscribers to cover the expenses incurred in its publication; and when the improvement was ventured upon, it was hoped that this number of subscribers would be furnished in due season; they can also be furnished, if the ministry and laity in the Church, will generally set themselves actively to work.

It is gratifying to the Board to be able to say, that "The Messen-

ger," as at present issued, gives general satisfaction to the Chu
not a word of serious complaint having been heard from any quar
It is felt, that the interests, as well as the honor of the Church,
quire, that it should continue to be issued in its present superior st
and no disposition, therefore, should be evinced to go back from t
advanced position. There should rather, if possible, be a forw
movement; and the Church should rally manfully to the aid of
Board, sustaining it fully in this important enterprise, seeing that
that case, a few more years of successful labor will be sufficient
place the paper on the basis so much desired.

There has been an increase in the receipts in the Book-Store d
ing the past. It is not very large; but it is still encouraging, sho
ing that a favorable turn has taken place in its affairs, the inco
having decreased from nearly $22,000, as it was a short time before t
commencement of the financial panic, to a little over $13,000, as it w
last year. The improved condition of this department, the faciliti
afforded for purchasing at reasonable rates being as favorable as
the best of establishments elsewhere, gives much promise for the f
ture, so that it is in the power of the friends of the Church to ma
this an efficient and powerful agency for good.

The number of copies of the different works issued by the Boa
printed during the year, has not been as large as in former yea
This is always governed by the demand for the works; and hence t
number may confidently be expected to increase in the future, as t
demand itself for the works shall increase. The Board has issu
only one new work during the year, and that is an improved editi
of Dr. Van Horne's "Companion of Praise." It is a work, whi
has special merits, in reference to the sphere it is intended to fill, a
is accordingly meeting with a most welcome reception, as its tr
character becomes known and its merits are appreciated. It is a r
markable, but by no means strange fact, that, since its issue, the d
mand for Dr. Harbaugh's "Hymns and Chants" has been large
increased, with the circulation of which some of its friends, at fir
entertained some fears, the issue and circulation of the "Companio
of Praise," would interfere.

With this statement of the present condition and the operations
the Publication Board during the past year, its interests are submi
ted to the earnest consideration of the respective Synods, und
whose auspices it is carried forward, in the confident hope, that, whi
ever action may be taken, it will be such as will serve greatly to fa
litate and advance its operations in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
in behalf of the Board.
D. W. Gross, *President.*

Samuel R. Fisher, *Secretary.*
October 8th, 1877.

The following report was received from the Rev. Jacob F. Wiant, the Agent of Synod to collect the monies needed to repay the loan collected for the use of the Publication Board, as directed by the Synod at Lancaster, in 1875, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

TO THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD.

Rev. and Dear Fathers and Brethren: In submitting my second annual report, as agent of your body, I do so with feelings of regret that our expectations of a year ago have not been realized. Then the business outlook had promising signs; but, as is known to all of us, the year has been one of great stringency in money matters. This has had a bad effect on my operations. The general cry from all sides has been and is yet, "hard times;" and even where persons had no real cause to join in this cry, they still made this the excuse for not giving in aid of our Publication interests.

I have persevered in the work of the agency in the face of all these discouragements, but often have been so much disheartened, that I felt like running away from the work; and nothing but a desire to strengthen this important interest of our Church and a sense of duty have kept me in it.

As is known to all or most of you, I have been canvassing mainly in rural districts during the past year. I did so after mature consideration and consultation with the brethren and business men, whose judgment I considered of more weight than my own. The main reasons for canvassing in rural districts were these:

1st. The general financial prostration was felt more keenly in the business centres, and my operations there in these hard times would have amounted to very little comparatively, and would virtually have shut the door against my or other agents' operations there when money matters do improve. Thus it would have crippled instead of largely aided the work.

2d. The rural districts generally did not feel the stringency so much; besides the amounts which our country people usually give are not so largely affected by good or bad times. The people generally make the amount which they contribute toward the support of their pastors the standard of their benevolence. Here is one of the great evils of large charges. Other evils could also be named, but they do not so directly come within the province of my report. In all charges properly attended to by the pastors, my success has been the best. But where there is no pastoral work as such, where from ten cents to a few dollars is the amount given toward the support of the pastors, little can be done toward general benevolence. Often has my heart been sorely pained by the sad fact, that where our Church is numerically strongest, it practically amounts to nothing in our general benevolent operations. To understand this fact fully a person must pass through the painful experiences which I have had.

From these statements you can readily infer, that my success has been very limited during the past year. It is true, I have met with

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en to it. The ability is not wanting, but the will is. May our urch arouse to this important work!

I do most cheerfully bear witness to the kindness and courtesy, ich the members of the Publishing Board, and especially the Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, have uniformly shown toward . My relations to them have been pleasant, and I shall always dly remember them.

Notwithstanding these pleasant relations, I feel constrained to urge y resignation as Agent of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. WIANT.

A request from the West Susquehanna Classis, asking Synod to e measures to have an edition of the Constitution and Forms, with Index of contents annexed, published, was referred to the Committee on Publication.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary the Synod of the Potomac, in regard to the adoption of the plan proed by the Board of Publication, as to the number of members to stitute the Board and the order of their succession; and referred the Committee on Publication.

The following report was received from the committee to superinand the publication of the "HAUSFREUND," and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The committee take pleasure in reporting, that the "Hausfreund" ontinues to be published semi-monthly, and that its subscription list as been increased from 1,950 to 2,400.

The paper is free from debt and has one thousand dollars on its ooks, and two hundred dollars has been appropriated from its surplus unds to the Church Extension Board, and appropriated to St. John's Church, of Reading.

Respectfully submitted.

E. W REINECKE,
C. Z. WEISER,
JNO. W. STEINMETZ. } *Committee.*

The Committee on Publication, to whom the foregoing documents and items were referred, submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, amended, and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report that the following papers were referred to their consideration:

1). The Annual Report of the Board of Publication, with accompanying statements of the financial operations of the Board during the year ending October 1st, 1877.

2). A communication from the Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, Corresponding Secretary of the Synod of the Potomac, informing this body that the Synod of the Potomac has adopted the plan for the election of members of the Board of Publication recommended in the Annual Report of said Board.

3). The report of the Collecting Agent.

4). The resignation of the Collecting Agent.

5). The report of the Committee on the "*Hausfreund.*"

6). A resolution adopted by the West Susquehanna Classis, calling the attention of Synod to its request contained in its minutes of 1876, that Synod should publish the Constitution and Forms with full index of contents.

From these documents it appears that, notwithstanding the depressed financial condition of the country, there are many reasons for encouragement in the present condition of our Publication interests. The Board of Publication, fully conscious of the perils to which the enterprise committed to their care is at present especially exposed, devoted more than usual attention to their work. They also very properly undertook the task of carefully estimating the assets and liabilities of the establishment, so that there might no longer be any question with regard to its financial condition. After carefully deducting from the aggregate of assets all accounts which are regarded as doubtful, it was found that at a fair and just valuation

The assets amount to.....	$81,491 00
Deducting liabilities, as per statement...	49,606 83
The excess of assets over liabilities is.....	$31,884 17

This is a favorable showing, when we consider the general financial troubles which have so seriously impaired the capital of many similar institutions; and the Church has certainly no reason to be discouraged as to the future success of her Publication interests.

It is encouraging to note the increase in the number of subscribers to several of our principal publications. The very decided increase in the number of subscriptions to the "Messenger" may certainly be taken as an indication of the satisfaction of the Church with the general character of that paper. It is, indeed, remarkable, that our Church should be able to produce a paper of so high an order of Theological and literary excellence, while depending in great measure on voluntary and gratuitous labor, when the publishers of other periodicals of the same rank find it necessary to expend thousands of dollars in payment for the labor of their correspondents. It is indeed to be regretted, that the receipts of the "Messenger," as well as of the "Review," still fall short of the necessary expenses; but the gradual increase of the subscription lists encourages us to believe that,

the return of better times, the Church will give them the support which is their due. It is cheering to learn, that the other periodicals—"Guardian," "Child's Treasury," "Lesson Papers," and Almanac, have more than paid expenses, and that the receipts from the store have considerably increased.

The Board requests the several Synods to adopt the plan for the election of members of said Board which is detailed at length in its report.

The second annual report of the collecting agent, which was referred to your committee, relates at length the trials and discouragements which he was compelled to encounter in his arduous enterprise. Though he labored earnestly, and succeeded in doing much good, he does not regard the results of his labors as commensurate with the efforts required to secure them, and therefore presents his resignation to this Synod and earnestly requests its acceptance.

The report of the committee appointed to superintend the publication of the "Hausfreund" was referred to the consideration of your committee. From this report we learn, that the subscription list of this paper has increased from 1,950 to 2,400; that the paper is free from debt, with a thousand dollars in its books, and that two hundred dollars of its surplus funds have been contributed to the Church extension fund and appropriated to St. John's Reformed Mission of Reading, Pa.

In connection with thevarious subjects committed to their care, your Committee beg leave to present the following resolutions:

1). *Resolved*, That this Synod is gratified with the result of the examination of the financial condition of the Board of Publication, as reported by a committee of said Board; and accordingly feels encouraged to make renewed efforts to promote the prosperity of our Publication interests.

2). *Resolved*, That this Synod adopt the plan for the election of members of the Board of Publication, as proposed in the annual report of said Board.

3). *Resolved*, That it is desirable that our various publications should, both in form and contents at least, be kept up to their present excellent standard; and that, therefore, the attention of the Classes be called to the importance of making special efforts to extend their circulation.

4). *Resolved*, That this Synod feels constrained, at the earnest request of Rev. J. F. Wiant, to accept his resignation as the "Collecting Agent for the relief of the Board of Publication," said resignation to take effect, at his own request, on the 1st of November next.

5). *Resolved*, That this Synod rejoices in the continued prosperity of the "Hausfreund," and is grateful to Divine Providence, for the fact, that this publication has become the means of extending efficient aid to other benevolent enterprises of the Church.

6). *Resolved*, That the request of the Classis of West Susque-

The committee to whom the request of the East Pennsylvania Classis was referred, asking for a deliverance of this Synod upon the subject of Classical assessments for benevolent objects, beg leave to report, that the request contains two items.

(1). Are pastoral charges in duty bound to make proper efforts to meet Classical assessments for benevolent objects of the Church?

(2). What is the remedy of a Classis in case of the non-fulfillment of this duty on the part of a pastor and his charge?

Your committee would recommend the following action:

1. That pastoral charges *are* in duty bound to make proper efforts to meet Classical assessments for benevolent objects of the Church.

2. That inasmuch as the obligation to give benevolent moneys is moral and spiritual, and not legal, therefore, that the various Classes should affectionately urge all their pastors and charges to make free-will offerings for the benevolent objects already named.

And further, that the Classes should emphasize the obligation as of fundamental importance to the true efficiency of the several pastoral charges, as well as to the progress of the whole Church; at the same time also, fitly representing the pressing needs of the various benevolent Boards. But in case of non-compliance, the Classes should not use the rigor of ecclesiastical discipline.

Respectfully submitted.

DAVID VAN HORNE,
THEODORE APPEL,
J. R. HILBUSH,
} *Committee.*

In compliance with a request of the Philadelphia Classis, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Synod adopted a minute, calling the special attention of the several Classes to the Constitutional order requiring official notice of the reception of members dismissed from one Classis to another.

The Goshenhoppen Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classis, requested Synod to define the ecclesiastical status of students, who are candidates for the ministery, and pursue their studies at Franklin and Marshall College, and unite with St. Stephen's Church, in connection with said College, by certificate.

This subject was referred to a committee consisting of the Revs. Henry A. Keyser, Walter E. Krebs, and Elder Jacob R. Hilbush. This committee submitted their report, which was received and adopted. The report embodied the following resolution:

Resolved, That all students who are candidates for the ministry and, prosecute their studies at Franklin and Marshall College, and connect themselves with St. Stephen's Church by certificate, are amenable to said congregation as church members, whilst as students for the ministry, they are amenable to the Classis, under whose care they have been taken.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have seventeen hundred copies of the Minutes of the present sessions duly authenticated, published, twelve hundred in the English and five hundred in the German language, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The committee appointed by the Synod at its last annual sessions, to confer with committees from the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, in reference to the time of holding their annual sessions, so as to prevent their occurring at the same time, reported, that after repeated efforts to ascertain the facts in the case, they could not learn that any committee had been appointed, either by the Synod of Pittsburgh or the Synod of the Potomac, to confer with them in regard to the matter in question, and hence they were unable to discharge the duty assigned them. The report was received and adopted and the committee discharged.

The East Susquehanna Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, first suspended the Rev. Julius Fuendeling from the Gospel ministry, and subsequently reinstated him. The proceedings of the Classis, in the case, were referred to a committee consisting of the Revs. George Wolff, D. D., Daniel Y. Heisler, and Elder Aram Drake. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom were referred the proceedings of the East Susquehanna Classis, in the case of the Rev. Julius Fuendeling, respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the Minutes of the Classis in the case, and do not find anything in the proceedings of Classis, which calls for any special action of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE WOLFF, *Chairman.*

The East Pennsylvania Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asked Synod for a deliverance on the following points:

a. Are pastoral charges in duty bound to make proper efforts to meet Classical assessments for benevolent objects of the Church?

b. What is the remedy of a Classis, in case of non-fulfillment of this duty, on the part of the pastor or pastoral charge?

This subject was referred to a committee, consisting of the Revs. David Van Horne, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., and Elder Jacob R. Hilbush. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

to support our present inmates, would it not be worse to increase the number by admitting more?

Brethren, help us. Amen.

Respectfully submitted.

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*
D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Superintendent.*

The committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee, to whom was referred the Annual Statement of Bethany Orphans' Home, located at Womelsdorf, Pa., would offer the following report:

The committee is pleased to report, that this institution has been carried forward in a very satisfactory manner in all its departments. There are, as will be seen in the report of the Board, at present fifty-six orphans in the Home. "The Father of the fatherless" has smiled graciously upon all its inmates, so that there was very little sickness, and no death in the Home during the year. Since the establishment of this charitable institution, and especially since its removal to its present healthy location, the Home has had much reason for gratitude to the Giver of all good for the mercies vouchsafed to it in this regard.

We regret, however, to learn, that the Church has not contributed towards its support as liberally during the past year as in years gone by; but this is no doubt owing to the fact, that our Church also feels heavily the financial stringency of the times, and not so much to a want of sympathy and love for the fatherless.

On account of the diminished support given, the Home finds it impossible to admit all of the numerous orphan applicants, and therefore has during the past year received but few under its fostering care. As will be seen, the expenditures exceeded the total receipts $143.13. The Board is still owing four thousand dollars on the valuable farm of the Home, which will have to be met by the 1st of October, 1878, and the floating debt for various improvements on the farm during the past years amounts to over two thousand dollars.

In view of the whole subject, your committee would hereby recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1st. That this Synod render its heartfelt thanks unto Almighty God our Father in Christ Jesus for the health and help vouchsafed to the Home during the past year.

2d. That this dear Home be and hereby is affectionately commended to the love and increased liberality of all the congregations and Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL AUG. LEINBACH,
A. L. DECHANT,
JOHN WIEST.
} *Committee.*

The Committee on Nominations, to whom had been referred the mmunications from the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potac, in reference to the persons they desire to represent them in Board connected with the Theological Seminary at Lancaster; so ch of the reports of the Trustees of Synod, and the Board of blication, as relates to the filling of vacancies occurring in these ards; a communication from the Trustees of Franklin and Marll College, in regard to the vacancies occurring in said Board, l such other nominations as are usually made for the election held Synod, submitted their report on the afternoon of the fourth day the sessions, which was received, amended, and adopted. The ction was ordered to take place on the afternoon of the fifth day the sessions, at the opening of the session, and the Stated Clerk ructed to have the requisite number of copies of the Nominations inted for the use of Synod. The election was held at the time apinted. Rev. Jacob B. Kerschner and Simon M. K. Huber were pointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reted the result through the President of Synod, as found noted in ch case, in its appropriate place, except the filling of the vacancies the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, which sulted in the choice of Hon. Thomas E. Franklin, William H. swall and Henry Wirt.

Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D. D., William A. Haas, and Elder Chas. antner, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute in referce to the death of the late President of Synod, Rev. John Beck, D. This committee submitted the following report, which was reived and adopted:

Your committee appointed to draft a memorial expressive of the atiments of the Synod in regard to the late Rev. John Beck, D.D., ator of the Third street Reformed Church of Easton, Pa., who died ddenly on the 19th of April, 1877, whilst President of this body, spectfully recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we bow with humble resignation and awe to the ill of the Divine Master, who has removed our deceased brother from e sphere of his earthly labors.

Resolved, That we, his fellow-laborers, will take earnest heed of the lemn admonition thus given to "work whilst it is called to-day," since he night cometh in which no man can work."

Resolved, That we here put on record our testimony to his high rth and efficiency as a member of our Church courts, his cordial l in support of our institutions of learning and the benevolent rations of the Church, and his uniform dignity and courtesy as a ristian gentleman.

Resolved, That we deeply regret our loss, and extend to his bereaved ily our heartfelt sympathy in theirs, with the prayer that He who

wounds His children only in kindness may heal their wounds and sustain them under their heavy trial.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. C. PORTER,
W. A. HAAS,
CHARLES KANTNER, } *Committee.*

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to furnish the family of the deceased with a copy of this minute.

On the morning of the fifth day of the sessions, the death of the Rev. John Adam Leiss, which had occurred suddenly on the previous day, was announced. Rev. Theodore Appel, D. D., Thomas C. Leinbach, and Elder Jacob Rader, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the subject. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the death of the Rev. J. A. Leiss, respectfully report the following;

The death of father J. A. Leiss, occurring during the sessions of the Synod, is an event that challenges the solemn attention of this body, and calls for a suitable notice in our proceedings. For several years past, he has been a member of the German Synod, which will no doubt take some suitable notice of his decease, but had been many years previously a regular member of this Synod, and was much esteemed by those who knew him for his genial qualities, and his many virtues. He was among the few of our aged fathers who still linger among us in the work of the ministry, and was permitted to exercise his gifts as a minister of the Gospel, at least occasionally, until called away suddenly from earth to his eternal reward. As a Synod we sympathize with his many friends and acquaintances in their present sad bereavement, and regard it as a solemn call upon us to work whilst it is day in our high and holy calling, praying that we may have grace to follow in the footsteps of the fathers who have gone before us in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, and that we may come to those unspeakable joys which have been prepared for all those that love the Lord Jesus Christ, from the foundation of the world. Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL,
T. C. LEINBACH,
J. RADER, } *Committee.*

A communication was received, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, from the Rev. William R. Hofford, President of Allentown Female College, inviting the members of Synod to visit the Institution, either as a body or as individuals. The Synod accepted the invitation, of which the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to inform the President of the College. At 11 o'clock on Friday morning,

the Synod visited the institution as a body. They were met at the entrance by the President, led to the main hall where the Professors and pupils were in waiting, and introduced by him in a few words of welcome, to which the President of Synod appropriately responded. The Stated Clerk also, by special request, indulged in a few impromptu remarks to the pupils. The visit seemed to afford pleasure to all parties concerned. The following resolution was subsequently adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the Allentown Female College, of which the Rev. William R. Hofford, A. M., is President, be and is hereby heartily commended to the confidence and patronage of our people, as an Institution well-fitted to impart to young ladies a thorough Classical and Christian education.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows be commended to the prayers and benevolence of the Church, and that the different congregations within the bounds of this Synod, be requested to take up one collection for this object during the coming year.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to J. A. Arthur, Esq., for his faithful and correct report of the proceedings of this Synod, and to the newspapers of Allentown for publishing the same.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Pastor and consistory of the St. John's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., for the use of their church, and to the members of the congregation and other members of the Reformed Church and other citizens of the place for the very kind hospitality extended to its members during the present sessions.

Resolved, That the pastors of the several Reformed churches of the place be requested to read this resolution from their pulpits to their people, and to have it published in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to tender the thanks of this Synod to the Superintendent and Officers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, for permitting the members of Synod to pass over their road and its branches at reduced fare.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn, to meet in general convention in the Third Street Reformed Church, Easton, Pa., on the fourth Wednesday in October, A. D. 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with the rehearsal of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the Original Minutes.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Cerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Stu. Min'y.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	4	Ziegel, &c.,	7	750	660	123	78		670		50	44	6	450			Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
J. Sassaman Herman,	5	Kutztown,	2	950	500	160	60	6	600		2	40	6	460	$300 60	$4000 00	Kutztown, Berks do
Cyrus J. Becker,	2	Howertown,		672	563	49	38	10	625		10	20	4	390	375 00	800 00	Catasauqua, Lehigh do
Alfred J. Herman,	6	Zion,		730	290	70	50		560			40	7	400	95 76	1200 00	Maxatawny, Berks do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	1	575	383	42	30		400		4	16	7	240	72 65	1350 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,		499	385	49	24	20	425	5	18	17	1	320	172 39	2100 00	do do do
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.,	3	Plainfield,	2	900	600	40	27		625			22	3		517 23		Nazareth, do do
Wm. R. Hofford,	1	South Whitehall,		220	130	5	28		170		2	8	3		126 00	460 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Abr. Bartholomew,	4	Mahoning,		530	400	132	27		395			18	11		169 16	733 00	Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Zion's Ref., Allento'n,	1	678	413	37	24	13	463		23	35	1	421	318 17	2152 35	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robt. Lisberger,	3	Oxford Furnace,		268	120	54			236		1	16	3	260	30 06	1200 00	Bath, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,	4	Jordan,	3	900	700	66	64		737			48	13		234 69	2500 00	Fogelsville, Lehigh do
Martin A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	1	825	600	28	13	4	500		12	23	3	250	137 25	9000 00	Nazareth, Northampton do
Samuel A. Leinbach	3	Egypt,	3	500	435	45	48		428		4	21	9	375	125 00	1500 00	Coplay, Lehigh do
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	St. John's Ref., Allent.		412	240	11	24		330		1	2	1	300	209 00	6713 20	Allentown, do do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Slatington,		430	260	74	31	4	375		3	23	3	280	175 00	300 00	Slatington, do do
Frederick H. Schwartz,		Without charge,															Bernville, Berks do
Thomas C. Porter, D. D.,	1	Easton,	2	495	351	28	27	4	289		3	13	1	300	745 00	3088 00	Easton, Northampton do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	1	Salem's Ref., Allent.,		450	300	63	125	165	450			55	1	606	77 30		Allentown, Lehigh do
Benjamin Weiss,	4	Lenhardtsville,	1	510	235	57	24		425		1	29	4	225	96 00	1200 00	Lenhardtsville, Berks do
Jared Fritzinger,	1	Christ's Miss., Allent.,		76	100	17		70	43			6	1	130	4 20		Allentown, Lehigh do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	2	Kreidersville,	1	680	560	71	34	5	519		3	41	6	475	64 61	5100 00	Cherryville, Northampton do
Horatio Daniel,		Without charge,															Bath, do do

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.—Concluded.

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Daniel Y. Heisler,	1	Grace Ch., Easton,		57	20	16	2	11	57			2	1	60	$24 76	1800 00	Easton, Northampton Co., Pa.
Thos. N. Reber,	3	Macungie,		675	250	60	44		372			21	4	375	108 00	975 00	Macungie, Lehigh do
P. A. Schwarz,	1	Tamaqua,		260	175	30	28		170				1	175			Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Tilgham O. Stem,	1	St. Mark's, Easton,		175	90	21	19	16	143		3	1	1	272	72 39	1953 19	Easton, Northampton do
Charles Becker,		Without charge,															Weissport, Carbon do
Thomas A. Huber,	4	Brodheadsville,		322	275	67	35		237		1	17	4	200	53 51	900 00	Broadheadsville, Monroe do
J. E. Freeman,	3	Weissport,		320	270	53			210			29	7		54 68	950 00	Weissport, Carbon do
Wm. C. Schaeffer,		Prof. State Normal,															Kutztown, Berks do
John J. Crist,	1	Catasauqua,		127	112	5		6	101			2	1	140	33 14	475 00	Catasauqua, Lehigh do
C. W. Siegel,	6	Hamilton,		210	170	12			152			10	3	150	10 15	513 00	Sciota, Monroe do
J. N. Bachman,	3	Jacksonville,		335	175				260								
	3	Mt. Bethel,	1	508	250	62	32	2	440		3	7	5	290	70 00	1100 00	
	3	Moore Township,		300	210				240								
Supply, I. K. Loos,	1	Rittersville, congr.,		110	95	19	* 34	3	103		3	10	1	50	16 00	175 00	
do N. Z. Snyder,	1	Freemansburg cong.,		157	90	13	4	3	120		5	6	1	110	28 60	1000 00	
do B. Weiss,	1	Blandon congr.,		115	50	2	9		96			5	1	50	5 00	125 00	
do J. N. Bachman,	1	Lowhill congr.,	1	130	110	4	11		100			3	3				
do Dr. Helfrich,	1	Lynntown congr.,															
do L. K. Derr,	1	Lehighton congr.,		150	170	5	13	20	130			3	1	200	25 00	3000 00	
do A. J. G. Dubbs,	1	Emaus congr.,		80		3			80			1			14 25		
B. F. Metzger,		Licentiate,															
Total, 35.	91		26	16081	10737	1593	1007	362	12266	5	152	654	128	7944	$4,560.55	$56,362.74	

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

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Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	4	Ziegel, &c.,	7	750	660	123	78		670		50	44	6	450			Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
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Cyrus J. Becker,	2	Howertown,		672	563	49	38	10	625		10	20	4	390	375 00	800 00	Catasauqua, Lehigh do
Alfred J. Herman,	6	Zion,		730	290	70	50		560			40	7	400	95 76	1200 00	Maxatawny, Berks do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	1	575	383	42	30		400		4	16	7	240	72 65	1350 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,		499	385	49	24	20	425	5	18	17	1	320	172 39	2100 00	do do do
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.,	3	Plainfield,	2	900	600	40	27		625			22	3		517 23		Nazareth, do do
Wm. R. Hofford,	1	South Whitehall,		220	130	5	28		170		2	8	3		126 00	460 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Abr. Bartholomew,	4	Mahoning,		530	400	132	27		395			18	11		169 16	733 00	Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Zion's Ref., Allento'n,	1	678	413	37	24	13	463		23	35	1	421	318 17	2152 35	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robt. Lisberger,	3	Oxford Furnace,		268	120	54			236		1	16	3	260	30 06	1200 00	Bath, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,	4	Jordan,	3	900	700	66	64		737			48	13		234 69	2500 00	Fogelsville, Lehigh do
Martin A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	1	825	600	28	13	4	500		12	23	3	250	137 25	9000 00	Nazareth, Northampton do
Samuel A. Leinbach	3	Egypt,	3	500	435	45	48		428		4	21	9	375	125 00	1500 00	Coplay, Lehigh do
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	St. John's Ref., Allent.		412	240	11	24		330		1	2	1	300	209 00	6713 20	Allentown, do do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Slatington,		430	260	74	31	4	375		3	23	3	280	175 00	300 00	Slatington, do do
Frederick H. Schwartz,		Without charge,															Bernville, Berks do
Thomas C. Porter, D. D.,	1	Easton,	2	495	351	28	27	4	289		3	13	1	300	745 00	3088 00	Easton, Northampton do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	1	Salem's Ref., Allent.,		450	300	63	125	165	450			55	1	606	77 30		Allentown, Lehigh do
Benjamin Weiss,	4	Lenhardtsville,	1	510	235	57	24		425		1	29	4	225	96 00	1200 00	Lenhardtsville, Berks do
Jared Fritzinger,	1	Christ's Miss., Allent.,		76	100	17		70	43			6	1	130	4 20		Allentown, Lehigh do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	2	Kreidersville,	1	680	560	71	34	5	519		3	41	6	475	64 61	5100 00	Cherryville, Northampton do
Horatio Daniel,		Without charge,															Bath, do do

LEBANON CLASSIS—Concluded.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Min. Stud	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cant's.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu-	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. Hartman,	1	Trinity Church,		130	95	17	12		80			9	1	150	$30 00	$700 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Henry Mosser,	1	First Church, Read'ng,	1			88	74	33			5	38	1	630	760 71	4,543 34	Reading, Berks do
A. H. Leisse,	3	Shaefferstown,		374	225	25	4		116		2	6	1	150	75 00	773 88	Schaefferstown, Lebanon do
E. D. Miller,	1	Trinity,		122	60	30	17		80			10	1	100	5 00	300 00	Shenandoah, Schuyl. do
J. W. Steinmetz,	1	St. John's, Reading		275	210	30	24	28	245			10	1	350	60 00	4,000 00	Reading, Berks do
C. Baum,	1	First Ch., Pottsville,		150	95	18	6	11	150		2	4	1	110	5 00	600 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Supply J. W. Steinmetz,	1	Gernant's,	1	165	50	3	14		145			5	1	35		200 00	
do C. H. Mutchler	1	Monroe Valley,		15	12								1		2 02		
do do	1	Bindnagels'		20	20	1			16				1	30	3 69		
do J. P. Stein,	1	Friedens Church		105	85	13			75		2	3	1	50		50 00	
do G. Wolff, D.D.,	1	Rehrersburg,							99			4			9 00		
do P. P. A. Hoffman,	1	Shoemakersville,		118	50	8			95			5	1	35	9 25		
do J. E. Hiester	1	Bellview,		30	20	[illegible]			20			2	1				
do C. Baum,	1	Minersville,		75	65	10	1		75			8	1	75			
Vacant,	1	Pine Grove,															
M. Peters,	4	Hamburg,		360	130	16	16		286				2	275			Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.
		Miss. S. S. in Reading											5	418		193 15	
Vacant,	1	St. Clair,		80	53	1			56				1	80			
Rev. J. C. Bucher, D.D.,																	Lewisburg.
" L. G. Kremer,																	Lebanon.
" J. C. Leinbach,																	Stouchsburg.
Licentiate, J. A. Reber,																	Reading.
Total, 36.	84		16	15,370	9,140	1434	964	210	12,382	3	91	637	104	9,285	$7,964 78	$53,017 27	

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES	Members.	Unconfir	Adults.	Infants.	Confirm	Certifics	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismiss	Deaths.	S. School	S. S. Schl	General Objects.	Local Objects.	Theo. S	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	1	Trappe,	245			3		11	215		5	5	1	100	$175 00		3	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	155	25		7	13		150	1		1	2	100				Chester Springs, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	198	40		8	6		180				1	50	80 00			do do do do
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	412	159		17	16		287		3	13	3	250	140 00			Vincent, do do
D. Ernest Klopp, D.D.,	1	Trinity, Phila.,	320	70	6	15	17	1	260		5	4	2	325	250 00			1541 N. 7th St., Philad., do
Maxwell S. Rowland,	1	East Vincent,	222		12	10	14		170		1	2	1	75	60 64			Spring City, Chester Co., do
do supply,	1	St. Matthew's,	135		2				120			2			38 10			
J. S. Vandersloot,	1	St. John's, W. Phila.,																4042 Haverford Av., Philad., do
Vacant,	1	Heidelberg,	107								26		2	112				
Henry M. Kieffer,	1	Ascension,	190	80	1	13	6	5	160		1	3	1	125	103 00			Norristown, Montgomery Co., do
Josiah D. Detrich,	1	White Marsh,	130		4	5	6	2	122		1	3	1	160	101 60			Flourtown, do do
do supply,	1	North Wales,	114		4	8	9		100		1	2	1	100	10 00			
John H. Sechler,	1	Boehm's,	174	80	5	4	5	1	145			2	1	83	104 58	$15 07		Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., do
Joseph H. Hunsberger,	1	Trinity, Norristown,	63		3	2	8	7	56		3	7	1	115				Norristown, do do
Uriah Weidner,	1	Pleasantville,	245	46	6	3	13	2	200		5	3	2	200	75 00			Chalfant, Bucks Co., do
E. H. Dieffenbacher,	1	St. John's, Del.,	73	45		8		14	62		4	1	1	60	3 34	359 36		Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
David Van Horne, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Race Str.,	172	15	2	3	15	6	157		7	4	1	200	165 00	3200 00		818 Marshall St., Philad., Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston,	1	Christ Ref. Church,	181	95		6	9	22	128		2	2	2	180	277 86	5033 38		2301 Green St., do do
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Supt. R. C. B'd & Ed. "Mess."																907 Arch St., do do
H. W. Super, D.D.,		Prof. in Ursinus Col.,																Collegeville, Montgomery Co., do
A. S. Zerbe,		do do do																do do do
F. K. Levan,		Supt. of Missions,																511 N. 41st St., Philad., do
C. W. Schultz,		Without Charge,																Camden, N. J.
George Leidy,		do do																Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Charles Lukens,		do do																Frankford, Philadelphia, do
William C. Hendrickson,		do do																1706 N. 16th St., do do
Daniel Feete,		do do																Norristown, Montgomery Co., do
J. M. Hartzell,		do do																Chalfont, Bucks Co., do
F. Walk,		do do																Philadelphia, do
P. S. Davis, D.D.,		Editor "The Mess'r.,"																907 Arch St., Philad., do
John Van Haagen,		Prof. in Ursinus Col.,																Collegeville, Montgomery Co., do
J. D. Miller,		Licentiate,																1610 Valeria St., Philad., do
		do																
Total, 28.	21		3136	655	45	112	137	96	2512	1	64	54	23	2235	$1584 12	$8607 81	3	

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants,	Bapt's. Adults,	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stu. of Min.	Contributions. Benev. P'rposes.	Contributions. Congre'l P'rposes.	Min. of Synod. Eng'h.	Min. of Synod. Ger'n.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John G. Fritchey, Supply,		Without charge,																			Lancaster City, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John W. Nevin, D.D.,		Retired.																			do do do
William T. Gerhard,		Without charge,																			do do do
John G. Wolff,		" "																			do do do
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	360	300	11	3	8	10	275	8			12	1	280		$240 00	$1500 00	16		Carlisle, Pa.
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,	1	St. Stephen's,	52	16			6	5	98	5				1	110		97 50	111 40			Lancaster City, Lancaster do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																			do do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Millersville,	286	115	10	13	23	1	233	2		1	6	4	175		625 98	900 00	9	2	Millersville, do do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hanover,	232	90	18	4	8	4	193				1	4	80		110 00	408 00	8		Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Thomas G. Apple, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																			Lancaster City, do do
Walter E. Krebs,		" "																			do do do
Joseph H. Dubbs,		" "																			do do do
Frederick A. Gast,		Prof. in Theo. Sem'y.																			do do do
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	290	155	21	2	11	19	250	6			4	1	302		423 24	10,632 70	12		Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Darius W. Gerhard,	4	New Holland,	375	215	12	23	31	4	310				11	3	195		230 48	1075 00	14		New Holland, Lancaster do
Joseph B. Shumaker,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	250	125	9	3	8	5	225	6			1	1	204		200 00	1600 00	16		Lancaster City do do
Stephen Schweitzer,	6	Reamstown,	625	200	64	28	90	3	475	1			47	5	225	1	90 00	700 00	6	6	Lincoln do do
Daniel C. Tobias	4	Bethany,	360	210	22	6	14	5	275	5			10	3	125	1	43 00	550 00	6	4	Litiz, do do
John S. Stahr,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																			Lancaster City, Lancaster do
Geo. W. Snyder,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	115	96	10	1	8	3	75	2			1	1	210		53 91	701 95	8		Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Conrad Clever,	1	Columbia,	155	130	14	3	7	9	113	4		4	5	1	165	1	80 00	1200 00	7		Columbia, Lancaster do
Moritz Noll,	1	Zwingli, Harrisburg,	83	44	6				43	11		4	4	1	30		15 13	800 00		6	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
J. H. Pannebecker,	3	Elizabethtown,	210		7	10	6		143	1			4	2	130		50 10	635 00	8		Elizabethtown, Lancaster do
Nathan C. Scheaffer		Prof. in F. & M. Coll.																			Kutztown, Berks do
David B. Shuey	2	New Providence,	164	100	19	5	9	6	115	3			6	2	184		48 00	525 00	8		New Providence, do do
R. F. Zinkhan,	2	Manheim	115	60	2	3	3	1	103	1				2	250		76 00	900 00	8	1	Manheim do do
A. R. Bartholomew,	1	Hummelstown,	60	50	1		4		46	5				1	69			140 00	8		Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Total, 27.	36		3732	1906	226	104	236	75	2972	60		9	112	33	2734	3	$2,383 34	$22,379 05	134	19	

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Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland,	310	250	40		21		300	1			14	1	160		$50 00	$800 00	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Alfred Houtz,	4	Orangeville,	215	126	13		7	1	195			14	5	4	114		60 00	705 00	Orangeville, Columbia do
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	7	Mahanoy,	520	390	20	1	25		429	2			5	8	300		125 00	1000 00	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
Calvin S. Gerhard,	1	Sunbury,	175	110	10		6	10	141				6	1	139		63 00	1150 00	Sunbury, Northumberland do
Tilghman Derr,	6	North Susquehanna,	362	270	13	1	21		283			15	11					1000 00	Berwick, Columbia do
Henry S. Bassler,	6	Deep Creek,	350	300	15				275				14	1	50		10 00	617 50	Millersburg, Dauphin do
John M. Clemens,	5	Conyngham,	640	400	104	3	39	6	520	6			74	5	300		87 00	900 00	Conyngham, Luzerne do
William G. Engle,	6	Uniontown,	750	300	54		39		535	3			20	6	500		82 87	925 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
Geo. B. Dechant,	4	Catawissa,	515	475	71		43	4	395	2			25	4	200		95 40	1050 00	Catawissa, Columbia do
Vacant,	5	Armstrong Valley,	241	187															
John K. Millet,	3	Paradise,	519	263	25	2	16	21	490	6			5	3	325	1	175 00	1650 00	McEwensville, North'berl'd do
F. F. Bahner,	2	Milton,	230	150	13	2	7	9	200	10			5	1	225		33 00	1000 00	Milton, do do
D. O. Shoemaker,	1	Shamokin,	280	200	28		22	23	230	6		10	14	1	250	1	30 57	1400 00	Shamokin, do do
D. O. Shoemaker, Sup'ly	1	St. Peter's,	85	60	3				75					1	30		15 00		
C. H. Reiter,	4	Augusta,	280	202	29		10		270	5			9	6	120		95 00	800 00	Sunbury, Northumberland do
I. E. Graeff,		Without charge,																	Tamaqua, do do
J. B. Kerschner,	3	Millersburg,	334	284	33		10	5	261	5			7	3	280	2	84 00	835 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
J. Fuendeling,	1	Grace,	805	725	118		37	28	679				36	3	376		10 00	4096 00	Hazleton, Luzerne do
G. C. Hall,	3	Danville,	290	172	18	5	19	10	234	4			13	2	325	1	265 00	2150 00	Danville, Montour do
G. Dickey Gurley,	1	Bloomsburg,	117	121	8				96				10	1	176		40 00	458 00	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
do Sup'ly	1	Hellers,	108	55	2				90				2	1	75	1		56 00	
A. S. Stauffer,	3	Berrysburg,	234	159	24		12	2	171	5	1		3	3	385		11 58	550 00	Lykens, Dauphin do
Mahlon H. Mishler,	2	Weatherly,	175	145	37		17	16	109				28	2	140		50 00	2700 00	Weatherly, Carbon do
J. C. J. Kurtz,		Without charge,																	Shamokin, Northumberland do
	1	Ringtown,*	126	100	33	1	26		120				19	1	40		12 00		
Vacant,	1	Wilkesbarre,	41	29	6		7	36	40	2									
do	2	Overton,																	
Z. A. Yearick,	3	Mt. Zion,	470	375	40	1	16		400				16	3	240				Turbotville, Northumberla'd do
Vacant,	1	Emanuel's,	45	45	15				45					1					
Total, 22.	78		8217	5893	772	16	400	171	6583	57	1	39	341	62	4741	6	$1,394 42	$23,842 50	

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Wm. H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	429	375	31	22	9	382		2	16	6	265	$369 59	$1025 00	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
David G. Klein,	3	Eden,	150	139	7	2		119			1	2		5 00		Walker, Centre do
George E. Addams,	3	Mifflinburg,	412	168	26	18		312		2	10	3	303	256 58	1353 52	Mifflinburg, Union do
William W. Clouser,	4	White Deer,	290	200	36	10	4	285			11	4	150	115 30	650 00	White Deer Mills, do do
Wm. A. Haas,	5	Selinsgrove,	390	280	56	21	3	360	1	4	14	5	300	92 00	1000 00	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
William M. Landis,	6	Rebersburg,	262	250	19	3	6	197		4	9	5	210	105 59	700 00	Rebersburg, Centre do
Hiram King,	2	Bellefonte,	152	95	5	4	11	120		4	2	1	85	50 00	1100 00	Bellefonte do do
Willoughby Donat,	6	Liverpool,	177	263	22	1	10	141	1	1	8	6	251	23 50	913 00	Oriental, Juniata do
J. F. De Long,	1	Williamsport,	210	173	12	19	18	186		7	2	2	300	75 00	959 14	Williamsport, Lycoming do
James Crawford,	2	Lewisburg,	346	209	9	2	13	340			9	2	300	173 24	3500 00	Lewisburg, Union do
J. G. Shoemaker,	4	Aaronsburg,	360	250	10	12	10	305		6	25	4	250	225 00	1700 00	Aaronsburg, Centre do
George P. Hartzell,	4	Nittany Valley,	199	191	41	28	7	185		4	7	3	150	114 50	1000 73	Walker, Centre do
Abraham Romich,	5	Beaver Springs,	500	300	28	18		400			8	5		20 00		Beaver Springs, Snyder do
John Dotterer,	4	New Berlin,	253	191	25	6	3	195		2	4	3	150	57 59	500 00	New Berlin, Union do
Vacant,	2	Lock Haven,	61	30	5	12	16	50		3	1	1	40	11 00	320 00	Lock Haven, Lycoming do
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,		Penn Hall Academy,														Penn Hall, Centre do
Jonathan Zeller,		Superannuated,														Lock Haven, Lycoming do
A. B. Caspar,		do														New Berlin, Union do
Simon Wolf,		Licentiate,														Lewisburg, do do
Total, 18.	56		4191	3114	332	178	110	3577	2	39	127	52	2754	$1,698 38	$14,718 39	

Beneficiary Students, 5

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Students.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
C. Z. Weiser, D. D.	2	New Goshenhoppen,	975	450	53	42	8	835		3	41	2	536	1	$623 00	$741 00	East Greenville, Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	590	225	46	63	4	562			24	4			200 00		Pennsburg, Montgomery do
L. Kryder Evans,	1	Trinity Church,	530	395	50	24	11	495		5	32	1	320		231 00	322 00	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Boyertown,	772	671	46	36	10	652		4	32	1	125		228 55	4600 00	Boyertown, Berks do
L. D. Leberman,	4	Pottstown,	875		74	34	2	780		3	14	3	210				Pottstown, Montgomery do
S. M. K. Huber.	3	Wentz's,	700	290	60	41	15	550	1	3	30	2	300		167 05		Worcester, Montgomery do
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg,	560	210	63	67	4	515		3	41	4	175		60 00		Oley, Berks do
Eli Keller.	4	Zionsville,	900	400	70	57	2	650			21	6	400	5	249 71		Sheimersville, Lehigh Co., do
D. E. Schoedler, Supply,	2	Prof. in Oley Acad'y,	400		20	3		300		2	3	2	150		18 00	50 00	Oley, Berks do
Franklin J. Mohr, Supply.	1	Chestnut Hill,	82	65	12	8	1	76		2	6	1					Quakertown, Bucks do
Lewis C. Herman,		Without Charge,															Carlisle, Cumberland do
Henry L. Gerhart,		Licentiate,															Pennsburg, Montgomery do
David Y. Schaub,		do															Hereford, do
Henry J. Welker,		do															Pleasant Valley, Lehigh Co do
Total, 13.	28		6384	2706	494	375	57	5415	1	49	220	26	2216	6	$1,787 31	$5,713 00	

CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Adults.	Bapt's. Infants.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cant's.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stu. Min'y.	Benev. Contribu's.	Local Objects	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown,	283	158		16	12	5	343			14	2	88				Hilltown, Bucks Co., Pa.
David Rothrock,	2	Durham,	580	360	4	33	34		491		1	20	2	50		$249 24	$2000 00	Durham do do
S. K. Gross,	2	Ridge Valley,	318	120	1	39	24	1	270			20	2	163		18 20	608 00	Schlichters, do do
L. C. Sheip,	1	Doylestown,	120	80	5	7	14	9	112		1	2	1	100		10 00	1100 00	Doylestown, do do
A. F. Ziegler,	3	Keller's,	370	222		39	7	5	302		7	10	3	100	1	82 35	1000 00	Bingen, Northampton do
Jacob Kehm,	2	Indian Creek,	875	500	8	38	33	8	824		10	32	1			285 70	1594 18	Sellersville Bucks do
Nath. Z. Snyder,	2	South Bethlehem,	245	175		40	21	10	185		12	10	2	165		16 00	600 00	S. Bethlehem, Northampt. do
Franklin J. Mohr,	3	Quakertown,	476	300	6	24	16	9	440		6	7	3	320		148 97	1500 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
R. Leighton Gerhart,	1	Riegelsville,	188	90	6	15	18	12	150		2	4	1	180		106 10	900 00	Riegelsville, do do
James G. Dengler,	3	Sellersville,	375	170	10	20	33	1	350		2	14	4	150		130 00	1200 00	Sellersville, do do
Robt. C. Weaver,	3	Friedensville,	550	240	5	46	68		374			33	7	225		115 94	3000 00	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
G. W. Roth,	3	Tinicum,	295			19	9	1	236		4	12	2			50 72	583 89	Point Pleasant, Bucks do
A. B. Koplin,	3	Lower Saucon,	632	363	1	22			400			16	5		1	115 00		Hellertown, Northampt. do
H. J. Welker,	1	Springfield,	250	110	1	12	9		125			6	1			40 00	490 00	Pleasa't Valley, Lehigh do
Brendle & Snyder, Supply	2	South Easton,	245	160		22	13	4	200		2	7	2	180		40 50	750 00	
J. Kehm, do	1	St. John's	35															
J. M. Hartzel, do	1	Leidytown,	133	25	7	2	15	1	120			1	2	100			750 00	Chalfont, Bucks do
	1	Springtown,																
Total, 14.	36		5970	3073	54	394	326	66	4922		47	208	40	1821	2	$1408 72	$16076 07	

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Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms. Adults.	Baptisms. Infants.	Additions. Confir'd.	Additions. Certifi'te.	Commun'd.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's	Local Objects.	Stud'nts for the Min.
East Pennsylvania,	35	91	16,081	10,737		1,593	1,007	362	12,260	5	152	654	128	7,944	$4,560 55	$56,362 74	26
Lebanon,	36	84	15,370	9,140		1,434	964	210	12,382	3	91	637	104	9,285	7,964 78	53,017 27	16
Philadelphia,	28	21	3,136	655	45	112	137	96	2,512	1	64	54	23	2,235	1,584 12	8,607 81	3
Lancaster,	27	36	3,732	1,906	104	226	236	75	2,972		60	112	33	2,734	2,383 34	22,379 05	3
East Susquehanna,	22	78	8,217	5,893	16	772	400	171	6,583	1	57	341	62	4,741	1,394 42	23,842 50	6
West Susquehanna,	18	56	4,191	3,114		332	178	110	3,577	2	39	127	52	2,754	1,698 38	14,718 39	5
Goshenhoppen,	13	28	6,384	2,706		494	375	57	5,415	1	49	220	26	2,216	1,787 30	5,713 00	6
Tohickon,	14	36	5,970	3,073	54	394	326	66	4,922		47	208	40	1,821	1,408 72	16,076 07	2
Total, 8 Classes,	193	430	63,081	37,224	219	5,357	3,623	1,147	50,623	13	559	2,353	468	33,730	$22,781 61	$200,716 83	67
Synod of Ohio, 12 Classes,	158	338	24,041	11,910	473	1,638	1,770	858	19,142	31	377	610	252	18,668	6,404 00	84,696 00	34
Synod of the North West, 9 Classes,	125	192	16,898	13 600	7	1,553	1,002	594	12,181	110	305	469	148	8,574	6 940 23	31 358 90	14
Synod of Pittsburgh, 8 Classes,	52	112	9,480	7,426	11	720	483	213	8,228		179	238	92	5,546	5,950 13	47,389 68	11
Synod of the Potomac, 6 Classes,	116	247	26,230	16,223	143	1,621	1,200	456	22,085	2	290	721	219	15,175	13,923 21	85,624 24	31
Eastern German Synod, 5 Classes,	37	36	7,736	5,655	22	1,520	537	411	6,723	28	63	576	37	5,551	4,190 00	52,686 00	4
Total, 6 Synods, 48 Classes,	681	1355	147,466	92,038	875	12,409	8,615	3,679	118,982	184	1,773	4,967	1,216	87,244	$60,189 18	$502,471 65	161

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ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Sessions of Synod were opened with singing and prayer, by the President, the Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., prior to which he preached a sermon from John xvii. 16: "*They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Revs. N. S. Strassburger, Samuel A. Leinbach, Thomas C. Porter, D.D., Alfred J. G. Dubbs, Daniel Y. Heisler, T. O. Stem, Henry H. W. Hibschman, Isaac K. Loos, John E. Smith, Joseph E. Freeman, Martin A. Smith, John J. Crist, Daniel F. Brendle, Robert Lisberger, Charles A. Rittenhouse,[2] Thomas N. Reber,[2] Horatio Daniel,[2] Jared Fritzinger,[3] Tilghman A. Huber,[5] Abraham R. Bartholomew, William R. Hofford,[5] Cyrus J. Becker,[5] Samuel G. Wagner,[5] and Levi K. Derr.[5]

Elders.—Owen L. Schreiber, Thomas Faust, Theodore Schug, Hen-

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☞ The figure at the end of the name indicates the day of the sessions on which the member took his seat.

ry J. Young,* A. L. Newhard, Barnet Fenner,† Lewis Loux, Samuel Lerch, John Reinhard,[2] and Abraham Mickley.[4]

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Revs. Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D., Thomas C. Leinbach, Benjamin Bausman, D.D., Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., John P. Stein, Daniel B. Albright, Henry A. Keyser, John O. Johnson, George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., C. H. Mutchler,[1] Eli E. Hiester,[2] Charles H. Leinbach, D.D.,[2] Moses Peters,[2] John H. Leinbach,[2] J. Calvin Leinbach,[2] David U. Wolf,[3] James A. Schultz,[4] Henry Mosser,[5] Charles F. McCauley, D.D.,[5] and Daniel E. Schoedler.[5]

Elders.—John Heilman, Jonathan B. Klopp, David S. Raber, William M. Snyder, Isaac McHose,[2] William F. Hoffman,[2] Jonathan Loose,[3] James T. Reber,[3] Jonathan Miller,[3] and Daniel Hess.[5]

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Revs. John H. A. Bomberger, D.D., David E. Klopp, D.D., J. Samuel Vandersloot, John H. Sechler, George H. Johnston, Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., Daniel Feete, Adam B. Stoner, Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher, David Van Horne, D.D., Henry M. Kieffer, James I. Good, Alvin S. Zerbe.[4]

Elders—George Markley, Hiram C. Hoover, Aaron Richard, Charles Santee, R. W. Eastlack, A. L. Kaub, Jacob G. Brown, Samuel S. Jones, and George Hertzel.[5]

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Revs. Joseph B. Shumaker, George W. Snyder, Conrad Clever, John H. Pannebecker, David B. Shuey, Louis F. Zinkhan, Jarius P. Moore, John S. Stahr,[2] John W. Nevin, D.D.,[2] Samuel Kuhn,[1] Jacob F. Wiant,[2] John G. Fritchey,[2] Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,[1] Theodore Apple, D.D.,[2] Darius W. Gerhard,[2] Stephen Sweitzer,[1] and Daniel C. Tobias.[3]

Elders.—Daniel Helm, Adam Hersch, George Z. Kunkel, Isaac Bushong,[3] William M. Overley,[3] Jacob Gorgas,[3] and Jefferson E. Kershner.[3]

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Revs. Calvin S. Gerhard, George B. Dechant, Isaac E. Grace

* Was succeeded by Elder Jacob Rader, on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

† Was succeeded by Elder J. J. Hoffman, on the morning of the fifth day of the sessions.

Edward D. Miller,[2] Aaron R. Hottenstein,[2] John K. Millet,[2] William G. Engle,[2] David O. Shoemaker,[2] and Alfred Houtz.[2]

Elders.—Jacob Laudig,[2] Jacob R. Hilbush,[2] and Levi Lynn.[2]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Revs. William W. Clouser, William M. Landis, John F. De Long, James Crawford, Joseph G. Shoemaker, Isaac S. Stahr,[2] Sidney S. Kohler,[2] Samuel M. Roeder,[2] William H. Groh,[2] and George E. Addams.[4]

Elders.—Jacob Bitner,[2] William Strohecker,[2] George Meyer,[2] and Elias Brown.[2]

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Revs. Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., Augustus L. Dechant, Simon M. K. Huber, and Eli Keller.[4]

Elders.—Tobias G. Hange, Samuel D. Rudy,[2] Isaac Fluck,[2] Nathan Zern,[2] and Herman Mohr.[2]

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Revs. David Rothrock, Franklin J. Mohr, George W. Roth, R. Leighton Gerhart, Nathan Z. Snyder,[2] Abraham B. Koplin,[2] Amandus F. Ziegler,[2] J. M. Hartzel,[2] and Jacob Kehm.[2]

Elders.—Jonathan Rosenberger, John L. Boyer, Henry Y. Fullmer, Samuel L. Gerhart, John Drissel,[2] Milton J. Hess,[4] and Isaac T. Riegel.[5]

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present during one or more of the sessions:

From the Synod of the Potomac. Rev. Moses Kieffer, D.D., Jacob O. Miller, D.D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Adam C. Whitmer, Ambrose D. Gring.

From the German Synod of the East. Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D.D.

From the Classis of Lancaster. Elder George W. Hensel.

Licentiates Present. Henry L. Gerhart, of the Goshenhoppen Classis; Benjamin B. Ferer, of the East Pennsylvania Classis.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pa. Rev. J. B. Groff.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced at different intervals during the sessions:

From the Presbyterian Church: Revs. W. C. Cattell, D.D., H. B Townsend.

From the Evangelical Lutheran Church: Rev. J. M. Anspach, D. S. Koser.

From the Methodist Episcopal Church: Revs. E. H. Hoffman, J. Lindermuth.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D.D., was chosen *President*, by acclamation.

Rev. John P. Stein was chosen *Corresponding Secretary*, by acclamation.

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D. is *Stated Clerk*.

J. J. Nissley was elected *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the first ten pews from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions:

The *Morning* session to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock.

The *Afternoon* session to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

An Evening session was held on the fifth day of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod:—Revs. N. S. Strassburger, Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D., Conrad Clever, James Crawford, and Elders George Z. Kunkel, Charles Santee and Jonathan Rosenberger.

Overtures:—Revs. Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., David E. Klopp, D.D., Isaac K. Loos, and Elders David S. Raber and Jacob Bitner.

Correspondence with Sister Churches:—Revs. George W. Snyder, George B. Dechant, William W. Clouser, and Elders R. L. Newhard, and Jacob R. Hilbush.

Minutes of Classes:—Revs. John O. Johnson, David B. Shuey, Isaac E. Graeff, Joseph G. Shoemaker, Franklin J. Mohr, and Elders Tobias G. Hange and Adam Hersch.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination:—Revs. Thomas S. John-

ston, D.D., Joseph B. Shumaker, Abraham B. Koplin, and Elders Isaac McHose and Jacob G. Brown.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports:—Revs. Henry M. Kieffer, Augustus L. Dechant, John F. De Long, Jarius P. Moore, and Elders John Heilman and Hiram C. Hoover.

Theological Seminary:—Revs. Thomas C. Leinbach, J. Samuel Vandersloot, Henry H. W. Hibschman, and Elders Samuel D. Jones and Barnet Fenner.

Missions:—Revs. Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., Samuel A. Leinbach, Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher, and Elders William F. Hoffman and Owen L. Schreiber.

Finance:—Revs. Nathan Z. Snyder, Daniel Feete, Simon M. K. Huber, and Elders Samuel L. Gerhart and Jacob Laudig.

Nominations:—Revs. William M. Landis, John P. Stein, Henry A. Keyser, and Elders Thomas Faust and John L. Boyer.

Publication:—Revs. Martin A. Smith, C. H. Mutchler, Amandus F. Ziegler, and Elders Daniel Helm and Henry Y. Fullmer.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1.) The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen and Tohickon were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on this subject.

2.) The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3.) The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, was received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations and the latter to the Committee on Finance.

4.) The Annual Report of the Board of Publication and the report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the "Reformirte Hausfreund" were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

5.) The Minutes of the last Triennial Sessions of the General Synod were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

6.) The Minutes of the last Annual Sessions of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

7.) Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Minutes of the last annual sessions were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. To the same Committee were also referred the Minutes of the General Synod, held in May last in Lancaster, Pa. This Committee submitted the following report, which was taken up, item by item, amended and adopted:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod in the United States, and on Minutes of General Synod, report the following items claiming the attention of Synod:

I. MINUTES OF SYNOD IN U. S.

Item 1. p. 9. Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., *primarius*, and Rev. T. O. Stem, *secundus*, delegates to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Item 2, p. 28. Pastors were requested to preach during the year on the subject of an educated ministry, and assist in increasing the endowment fund of the Theological Seminary.

Item 3, p. 29. Rev. John W. Steinmetz was authorized to solicit subscriptions for the increase of Prof. F. A. Gast's salary.

Item 4, p. 30. The Faculty of the Theological Seminary were continued, with instructions to complete the work of arranging the papers of the late H. Harbaugh, D.D.

Item 5, p. 42. The several Classes were instructed to pay the full missionary apportionment made by the late Synod at Reading.

Item 6, p. 42. East Pennsylvania Classis was instructed to prosecute its missionary operations in connection with the Board of Missions.

Item 7, p. 42. Synod apportioned the sum of $3,000 among the several Classes, to be paid in instalments of $1,000 annually, for the purchase of ground and the erection of a chapel in Washington, D. C.

Item 8, p. 46. The Treasurer of Synod was authorized to set apart the sum of $500,00 annually for the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of the loan of $5,000 ordered by Synod at Lancaster to aid the Publication Board.

Item 9, p. 47. The Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay the interest on the $5,000 loan made for the use of the Publication Board.

Item 10, p. 47. The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay part of the principal borrowed of Mr. George Fox, the amount not to exceed $1,000.

Item 11, p. 47. Revs. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., and Thomas C. Porter, D.D., were appointed a committee to defend the action of the Synod before the General Synod, in the complaints of Revs. David E. Klopp, D.D., and John H. Sechler.

Item 12, p. 48. The different Classes were directed to instruct their Stated Clerks to furnish the pastors with blank statistical reports, and also to use in their statistical reports of Classis to Synod similar blanks adopted by the General Synod.

Item 13, p. 48. The attention of the different Classes was called to the Article of the Constitution requiring them to defray the expenses of their delegates to Synod.

Item 14, p. 49. The attention of the different Classes was called to the Article of the Constitution requiring members of the Church to obtain a certificate of Membership and Dismission, when moving from the bounds of one congregation to those of another.

Item 15, p. 50. The appointment of a committee to propose and submit a programme of subjects in relation to Sunday-schools, for discussion at this meeting of Synod.

Item 16, p. 59. The attention of the different Classes was called to the importance of making special efforts to extend the circulation of the various publications of the Church.

Item 17, p. 60. The Committee to prepare an edition of Hymns for the Reformed Church, accompanied with music, was continued.

Item 18, p. 61. The Stated Clerk of Synod was instructed to have its Minutes published in the English and German languages, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them.

Item 19, p. 62. The special attention of the different Classes was called to the Constitutional order requiring official notice of the reception of members dismissed from one Classis to another.

II. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Item 20, p. 44. A resolution requesting the Synod to carry on its missionary work through the Missionary Boards of the Church.

Item 21, p. 45. The attention of Synod is called to the apportionment made by the Board of Home Missions of the balance due the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension.

Item 22, p. 75. The appointment of delegates to the Peace Commission.

Item 23, p. 76. Synod is requested to pay due regard to a minority tendency in the appointment of the delegation.

Item 24, p. 78. General Synod advises the District Synods, that special prayer be offered in behalf of the Peace Commission, whilst in session.

Item 25, p 82. An apportionment of $640 is made to this Synod by the General Synod to meet its expenses.

Item 26, p. 83. The deficiency of $275 of this Synod to the Treasury of the General Synod.

Item 27, p. 92. The next meeting of the General Synod will be held in the First Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio, on the second Wednesday before Ascension Day, May 18th, 1881, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully submitted.

N. S. STRASSBURGER, *Chairman.*

For the report called for by item 1, see Article IX. Correspondence with Sister Churches. For the result of the action of Synod on the matters reported in items 2, 6, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 19, see Article X. Minutes of Classes; in items 5, 7, 20 and 21, see Article XIV. Missions; in items 3 and 4, see Article XIII. Theological Seminary; in items, 8, 9, 10, 25 and 26, see Article XV., Finance; in item 11, see Article XVII., Complaints; in item 15, see Article XVIII., Sunday Schools; in items 17 and 18, see Article XIX., Publication; in items 22 and 23, see Article XX., Church Government, and in items 24 and 27, see Article XVI., Appeals and References.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The following report was received from the Committee on Overtures, taken up item by item and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures beg to report the following items referred to therein, to wit:

Item 1. A Letter from the Rev. Dr. J. Caspar Bucher, asking to be excused from attending the Sessions of Synod, and conveying his prayer for God's benediction upon this body.

Item 2. A Letter from the President of the Sunday-School Board of the Synod of the Potomac, suggesting the publication of a Monthly, containing Primary, Intermediate and Advanced Sunday-school Lessons, with Comments.

Item 3. A Report from the President of the Board of Bethany Orphans' Home and its Superintendent.

Item 4. A Communication from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Potomac, conveying to this Synod the action of that body in reference to the ordination of the Licentiate Ambrose D. Gring, Missionary to Japan.

Item 5. A Letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, informing the Synod of the duty of electing three members of the Board.

Item 6. Three copies of the last Annual Catalogue of Ursinus College.

Respectfully submitted.

C. Z. Weiser,
D. E. Klopp,
I. K. Loos,
Jacob Bitner,
D. S. Raber,
} *Committee.*

The letter from Dr. Bucher, reported in item 1, was read, and his absence excused. For the action of Synod on the communication reported in item 2, see Article XVIII., Sunday Schools; in item 3, 5 and 6, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous, and in item 4, see Article XIV., Missions.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following report was received from the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches beg leave to offer the following report:

A copy of the Minutes of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Easton, Pa., was the only document placed in their hands. We learn from this document, that your delegate, the Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Porter, attended the meeting of the Ministerium, and also that Rev. J. B. Groff was appointed a delegate to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. SNYDER,
G. B. DECHANT,
J. R. HILBUSH, } *Committee.*

The following report was received from the delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and adopted:

Your delegate appointed to convey the friendly greetings of this Synod to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which met in Easton, Pa., June 15, 1878, begs leave to report, that he discharged the duty entrusted to him, and that his greetings were responded to by the Rev. Dr. Schæffer, President of that body.

THOS. C. PORTER.

Easton, Pa., October 26, 1878.

Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., was elected delegate *primarius* and Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., delegate *secundus*, to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Rev. J. B. Groff, delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, appeared on the morning of the fifth day of the sessions, and was admitted to his seat as a Corresponding Member. He laid before Synod a copy of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of the body he represents, which was received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches. At the close of the morning session of that day, he briefly addressed the Synod, conveying to it the salutations of the body he represented, and referring to a few striking coincidences in the recent history of the two bodies. His remarks were appropriately responded to by the President.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report. [illegible] was received, taken up item by item, amended and adopted. Th[illegible] port as adopted is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully repo[illegible] follows:

I. Irregularities.

1. Lancaster Classis calls the attention of Synod to the fact, [illegible] the late Stated Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. C. G. [illegible] failed to notify it of the reception of Rev. Walter E. Krebs.

2. The Stated Clerks of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadel[illegible] East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna and Tohickon Classes [illegible] to certify that the Minutes forwarded to Synod are official copies.

3. The Clerk of Philadelphia Classis failed to number the pages [illegible] the Minutes.

4. The Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis failed to enter the su[illegible] jects of proceedings on the margin of the Minutes.

II. Subjects Referred to Classes by Synod.

All the Classes took favorable action on the several subjects referr[illegible] to them by Synod.

III. Licensures, Ordinations, Dismissions and Receptions.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis dismissed licentiate B. S. Metzger to East Susquehanna Classis; licentiate Sidney S. Kohler to West Susquehanna Classis; licentiate Adam J. Bachman to Lebanon Classis; licentiate B. B. Ferer to Westmoreland Classis; and Rev. P. A. Schwartz to the Presbytery of Jersey City, N. J. Received, Rev. H. H. W. Hibschman from Mercersburg Classis; licentiate J. E. Smith from Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. N. C. Schaeffer from Lancaster Classis. Licensed A. J. Bachman, B. B. Ferer, S. S. Kohler, P. S. Kohler and W. H. Xanders; and ordained, licentiates C. W. E. Siegel, Jas. E. Bachman and J. E. Smith.

2. Lebanon Classis dismissed licentiate J. Alvin Reber to Mercersburg Classis and Rev. L. G. Kremer to Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod; licensed Jno. H. Leinbach, David U. Wolff and Benj. F. Biery; ordained licentiates J. Calvin Leinbach, L. G. Kremer, M. Peters, J. G. Neff and Jno. H. Leinbach; and received licentiate A. J. Bachman from East Pennsylvania Classis, and Rev. A. R. Bartholomew from Lancaster Classis.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed Geo. S. Sorber, Joseph F. Butler and Levi D. Stambach; ordained licentiate A. B. Stoner; received Rev. James I. Good from Zion's Classis; dismissed licentiates Jonas

mith to East Pennsylvania Classis, J. David Miller to Mercers- Classis, Rev. J. M. Hartzell to Tohickon Classis and Rev. F. K. ın to East Susquehanna Classis.

Lancaster Classis licensed F. B. Hahn; ordained licentiate A. Bartholomew; received Rev. J. F. Wiant from Clarion Classis, and ıtiate J. P. Moore from Tiffin Classis, and Rev. John A. Peters ı Mercersburg Classis; dismissed licentiate Tilghman R. Dietz Clarion Classis, Rev. W. E. Krebs to East Susquehanna Classis, ntiate F. B. Hahn to St. Paul's Classis, Rev. N. C. Schæffer to t Pennsylvania Classis, and Rev. A. R. Bartholomew to Lebanon sis.

. East Susquehanna Classis dismissed licentiate F. C. Yost to ncaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. J. Fuendeling to San Francisco sis, Rev. F. F. Bahner and C. H. Reiter to Mercersburg Classis, r. R. Kunz to German Philadelphia Classis, Rev. G. D. Gurley to stmoreland Classis, and struck the name of Rev. G. C. Hall from roll; received Rev. E. D. Miller from Lebanon Classis, licentiate S. Metzger from East Pennsylvania Classis and ordained him, and v. W. E. Krebs from Lancaster Classis, Rev. S. B. Shæffer from n's Classis, and Rev. F. K. Levan from Philadelphia Classis.

. West Susquehanna Classis received licentiate I. S. Stahr from hickon Classis, and ordained him; received licentiate S. M. Roeder m Goshenhoppen Classis, and Stephen S. Kohler from the East nnsylvania Classis, and licensed Jno. M. Evans.

. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Samuel M. Roeder, and dismissed n to West Susquehanna Classis.

. Tohickon Classis received Rev. J. M. Hartzell from Philadelphia ssis.

IV. Requests.

. East Pennsylvania Classis requests Synod to receive the Allen- n Female College under its care.

. Lebanon Classis overtures Synod to adopt measures to remedy evil of large charges.

. Goshenhoppen Classis requests Synod to urge the Classes within bounds to prepare monographs of their churches.

. The same Classis overtures Synod to take Florida into considera- ı as a suitable missionary field.

. The same Classis requests Synod to give a deliverance in regard he statistical column headed "Communicants."

V. Time and Place of Meeting.

. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in annual sessions in Le- hton, Carbon Co., Pa., on Monday before Ascension Day, at 2 P. Rev. D. Y. Heisler, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, ted *Clerk*.

. Lebanon Classis will meet in annual sessions in the Reformed ırch, Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., on the 5th day of June, A. D.

1878, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. A. Keyser, *President*, and Rev. J. P. Stein, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in annual sessions in the Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa., on the 6th of June, 1879, at 8 P. M. Rev. A. S. Zerbe, *President*, and Rev. John H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk*.

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in annual sessions in Litiz, Pa., on the first Thursday evening after Whitsunday, June 5th, 1879, at 7½ o'clock. Rev. G. W. Snyder, *President*, and Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in annual sessions in Turbotville, Northumberland Co., Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, 1879, at 7½ P. M. Rev. G. B. Dechant, *President*, and Rev. W. E. Krebs, *Stated Clerk*.

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in annual sessions in Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa., on the 3d Wednesday of May, 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. James Crawford, *President*, and Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in annual sessions in the Wentz Church, Montgomery Co., Pa., on the last Friday in May, at 2 o'clock, P. M., 1879. Rev. L. D. Leberman, *President*, and Rev. L. J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk*.

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in annual sessions in Ridge Valley, Bucks Co., Pa., on the first Friday in June, 1879, at 7½ P M. Rev. A. F. Ziegler, *President*, and Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. JOHNSON,
D. B. SHUEY,
I. E. GRAEF,
J. G. SHOEMAKER,
F. J. MOHR,
A. HERSH,
} *Committee.*

For the action of Synod on the several items reported by the Committee on Irregularities, see Article XVI., Appeals and References.

For the action of Synod on Request No. 1, see Article XVI., Miscellaneous; on Requests Nos. 2 and 5, see Article XXI., Church Government; on Request No. 3, see Article XVI., Appeals and References; and on Request No. 4, see Article XIV., Missions. The remaining items in the report were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The following report was received from the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave respectfully to report, that no candidates for examination or licensure were referred to the Committee, and they have nothing further to report.

T. S. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report was received from the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, and adopted.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN THE LORD: In offering this, their Report on the State of Religion and Morals, your Committee beg leave, in the first place, to express their sense of the exceeding magnitude of the work committed to them. Averse as we all naturally are to self-examination and communion with our own hearts, it is difficult for any individual Christian to form a correct estimate of his own true spiritual condition. Every pastor is aware of the exceeding difficulty of preparing a true and faithful report of the religious state of his own congregation. What then must be the difficulty of giving a faithful and accurate account of the spiritual and moral condition of an entire Synod, representing more than one hundred thousand souls! In the nature of the case, so great is the task, so fallible is the soundest human judgment, so short-sighted the keenest human vision, that we cannot but feel that by far the largest and most important elements of all true spirituality are never seen and cannot be measured by man, but are known only to Him "who knoweth our thoughts afar off." As we endeavor to look over the vast field occupied by us as a Synod, and contemplate the work of the year that has now passed into eternity, we cannot but be sensible how much there is every way in the hearts and souls both of ministry and people that will never be known to mortal man. "The heart knoweth his own bitterness, and a stranger intermeddleth not with his joy." What varied experiences of joy and sorrow, hope and despondency our beloved Zion has had during the past twelve months; what innumerable spiritual conflicts, defeats, victories our people have passed through, is work for the recording angel and not for us or any man to enumerate or tell.

A careful perusal of the different reports placed in our hands, is sufficient to show, that the past year has been one of mingled light and shadow similar to many we have passed through in times gone by. While these documents have many things to deprecate and deplore in the condition of the various sections of the Church represented by them, and are far from having us believe any thing other than that "the Canaanite is yet in the land," but speak uniformly of the many trials incident to such a warfare as that we are waging, there is, never-

theless, much in them every way to inspire confidence, and to warrant the conviction that the blessing of God has rested upon the labors of the year. The report of every Classis within our bounds comes up to us with words of good cheer. Our ministers are represented as being earnestly and zealously devoted to the great and good work committed to their charge and care: punctual in ministering at the altar, in the pulpit, in the homes of our beloved people, by the bedside of the sick and dying. The means of grace have not been neglected. In full keeping with the custom of the fathers, the reception of children into the Church by baptism, their training in the catechetical class and Sunday-school, and their confirmation at the altar, have received that attention due to a custom which it has been the special effort of our denomination for years past to maintain.

The Sunday-school work seems, from all accounts, to have been prosecuted with more than usual vigor. We are happy to believe that this most important branch of Church work has received more attention, and is now being carried forward in a more regular and systematic way than ever before. Sensible as the Church has ever been that "the child is father to the man," and holding as she ever has, that the Church has a mission to fulfil to the children no less than to those more advanced in years, it seems nevertheless, that in recent times more particularly, our different Classes have been happily successful in devising more efficient ways and means of mutual co-operation and helpfulness in this great cause. By holding Sunday-school conventions, and the discussion of Sunday-school questions at most, if not all, of our Classical and Synodical meetings every year, our pastors and people have been both awakened to the greatness of the work, and helped to more efficient methods of accomplishing it. The fact that over four thousand Sunday-school scholars have been added to our different schools during the year, is sufficient evidence that in this branch of Church work we are making rapid advancement.

A careful comparison of the statistics of this year with those of the last, shows that in almost every respect we have made some improvement. We have more congregations, more members, have had more additions both infant and adult, more confirmations, more excommunications. We are sorry to be obliged to stop here to say, that we have *not* contributed more money. The figures show that during the year, we have contributed two thousand dollars less than during the last. One hundred and five thousand members of the Reformed Church, men, women and children, pastors, elders, deacons and people, have contributed only twenty thousand dollars for purposes of general benevolence. These facts and figures speak for themselves, and we can do no better than commend them, without further comment, to the earnest and prayerful thought of the Synod.

There is abundant evidence in the reports of the different Classes, that greater relative attention is being directed to the subjective side of religion. It is not the place here to discuss the relation of the two general constituent factors of all true Christian piety: be it sufficient

for us to say that, evidently, while our pastors and churches hold not less firmly than in former years to the objective side of Christianity, and lay no less stress upon a due observance of all the means of grace, there has been, nevertheless, a growing disposition during the year, and for a number of years past, to preach more about, and insist more upon the practical fruits of piety in the hearts and lives of the people, and we are happy to believe, judging from the earnest, prayerful tone of these reports, that most happy and cheering results are flowing from this course. Though we hear some complaint, of course, of general carelessness and indifference to the interests of religion, some of our membership being spoken of as "having a name only to live while they are dead," and though we are informed of what every pastor knows, that many rest, and are contented to rest upon the mere formalities of religion, with no love for its spiritualities, and no manner of concern in its glorious enthronement in the heart and life; yet still, these exceptional instances aside, we are pleased to be convinced that our people are regularly trained to "stir up the gift of God that is in them," and are not suffered to rest content with having merely received it.

In addition to this, it may be also here mentioned as a favorable omen for the future, and bright with promise of spiritual refreshment for our beloved Zion, that, as has been witnessed at this meeting of Synod, we now have a missionary for foreign parts—the Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, who has lately been called, ordained and set apart for the great work of missions in Japan. Thus the prayers of the Church have been answered, and the labors of her missionary Board rewarded with the pleasant prospect of having, at no distant day, a missionary, and his estimable wife, finally settled on a foreign soil, and actively engaged in the blessed work of heralding the good news of salvation among the benighted heathen. We feel that we do but re-echo the united sentiment of Synod in wishing them God-speed, and feel sure that this good step, while, on the one hand, it is the result of the best prayers and labors on the part of the united Church, is, at the same time, a certain pledge and promise of greater zeal and devotion to the Master's cause on the part of pastors and people in years to come.

During the past year two fathers in Israel have been called to the heavenly home: the Reverends *Jonathan Zeller* and *John G. Wolff:* of whom the former departed this life, August 3d, 1877, at the advanced age of seventy-two years; the latter January 22d, 1878, at the age of sixty-seven. Both of these brethren had, for a number of years, been compelled, through the infirmities of age, to retire from the active work of the ministry, but continued to maintain the deepest interest in and love for the Church below, until called upon, in the providence of God, to enter into the better Church on high.

There is one feature of our present condition as a Church, which we cannot help but mention with warmest sentiments of thanksgiving to the Lord and Master: we refer to the growing sentiment of loving

harmony which, during the last year, has come to prevail amongst us, and in doing so, we cannot, perhaps, do better than make a brief quotation from the report of one of the Classes (Philadelphia), which says:

"It would be neither proper, nor even just to ourselves, to neglect to mention one more fact, which indeed, to our mind, seems to be one of the most encouraging and cheering features of our religious state—namely, the gradually increasing harmony and kindly good will, which have of late come to prevail amongst us. For several years we have been pleased to notice a growing disposition toward fellowship and mutual charity, the bonds of which heavenly grace, we are happy to believe, are stronger to-day than ever before for many years. We speak less, now-a-day, of 'our party' and 'your party.' During the intervals between the sessions, we do not now, as we used to, hold adjourned meetings, the one party under the green trees on the one side of the church, and the other party under the green trees on the other side of the church. We can sit together on the same bench, on the same green sward, under the same blue sky, eat at the same table, and walk and dwell together in general harmony as brethren and fellow-ambassadors of the same common Lord should. Perhaps for this, more than for any thing else in particular just now, we should be thankful to the great Giver of all good. Let the good work go on, and let no man raise hand or voice, to stay this happy tide of charitable feeling. Let there be mutual toleration and concession, and if, in our differences occasionally arising with us as with all similar deliberative bodies, we cannot always agree, then let us at least seek to agree to differ. Perhaps the peculiar difficulties . . . existing among our membership will at last here find their true remedy and solution. If it please the good Lord to revive us, His ministers, first, perhaps He will not fail to revive our beloved people too. Nay, we are sure some such blessed result must follow. How can we work with any spring or elasticity in us, or with any real heart for our work, when such a condition of things prevails as has unfortunately existed for years past. The walls of Zion may be built by men laboring with the trowel in one hand and the sword in the other, but it is slow and disheartening work. As it was with the disciples, 'when they were all *with one accord* in one place, and suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a mighty rushing wind, filling all the house where they were sitting;' so, beloved brethren, will it be with ourselves; we shall have the gift of tongues when we are all with one accord."

And now to God and Christ and the blessed Spirit, we commit and commend our way, with praise to the adorable Trinity for all the blessings we have enjoyed in the past, and with prayers for the same blessings in the future. Wherever we go, and whatever be in store for us, in joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and in adversity, to His name be thanksgiving and praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. Respectfully submitted.

H. M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

Easton, Pa., October 26th, 1878.

[For Statistical Reports, See Appendix.]

The following religious services were observed during the sessions of Synod:

1. The sessions each day were opened and closed with religious services.

2. Revs. Thomas C. Porter, D. D., Daniel Y. Heisler, and T. O. Stem, and Elder Henry J. Young and Lewis Loux, were appointed a Committee on Religious Services, who reported at intervals their several appointments. Their report as finally adopted is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Services respectfully report the following appointments:

THIRD STREET REFORMED CHURCH.

Saturday, 7½ P. M., Sermon.....Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D.D.
Sunday, 10½ A. M., Holy Communion Ser.Rev. J. W. Nevin, D.D.
2½ P. M. Celebration of the Sunday-Schools, Addresses by..... Rev. Dr. Weiser, Rev. Jas. Crawford, Elder A. L. Kaub.
7 P. M., Home Missions, Addresses by... Rev. George H. Johnston, Rev. J. S. Vandersloot, Rev. Moses Kieffer, D.D.

ST. MARK'S REFORMED CHURCH.

A. M. 10½..... ....Rev. G. H. Johnston.
P. M. 7..... .....Rev. Jas. Crawford.

GRACE CHAPEL (REFORMED).

A. M. 10½.....Rev. J. S. Stahr.
P. M. 7.....Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher.

REFORMED CHURCH, S. BETHLEHEM.

Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.

REFORMED CHURCH, FREEMANSBURG.

Rev. J. K. Millet.

AMERICAN REFORMED CHURCH.

10½ A. M.....Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger.

REFORMED CHURCH, RIEGELSVILLE.

Rev. J. C. Leinbach

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN.

10½ A.M.....Rev. H. M. Kieffer.
7 P.M.....Rev. Dr. T. S. Johnston.

CHRIST CHURCH, LUTHERAN.

10½ A.M..... .....Rev. Dr. C. Z. Weiser.
7 P.M.....Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart.

ZION'S CHURCH, LUTHERAN.

10½ A. M.....Rev. Dr. C. H. Leinbach.
7 P. M.....Rev. J. Calvin, Leinbach.

ST. PAUL'S, LUTHERAN.

10½ A. M.....Rev. Dr. D. E. Klopp.
7 P. M.....Rev. C. S. Gerhard.

ST. PETER'S, LUTHERAN.

10½ A.M.....Rev. R. L. Gerhart.
7 P. M.....Rev. J. O. Johnson.

ST. JAMES', LUTHERAN, PHILLIPSBURG.

10½ A. M.....Rev. J. H. Sechler.

LUTHERAN (COLORED).

7 P. M.....Rev. Samuel Kuhn.

GRACE CHAPEL, LUTHERAN, PHILLIPSBURG.

10½ A.M.....Rev. S. M. Roeder.
7 P. M.....Rev. G. W. Roth.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

10½ A. M.....Rev. Dr. D. Van Horne.
7 P. M.....Rev. H. M. Kieffer.

BRAINERD, PRESBYTERIAN.

10½ A. M.....Rev. Dr. T. S. Johnston.
7 P. M.....Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PHILLIPSBURG.

10½ A. M.....Rev. D. W. Gerhard.
7 P. M.....Rev. A. B. Koplin.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

10½ A. M.....Rev. J. F. De Long.
7 P. M.....Rev. G. W. Snyder.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, S. EASTON.

7 P. M.....Rev. H. H. W. Hibschman

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, ODENWELDERTOWN.

7 P. M.....Rev. D. B. Shuey.

TRINITY, EVANGELICAL.

10½ A.M.....Rev. A. L. Dechant.
7 P. M.....Rev. Dr. J. E. Hiester.

EVANGELICAL BETHEL MISSION.

10½ A. M.....Rev. J. F. Wiant.
7 P. M.....Rev. J. P. Stein.

COLLEGE CHAPEL.

4 P. M.....Rev. J. I. Good.

SERVICE AT THE JAIL.

2 P. M.....Rev. H. H. W. Hibschman.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASS'N. AT BETHEL MISSION.

3.45 P. M.....Rev. Dr. D. Van Horne.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. C. PORTER,
T. O. STEM,
D. Y. HEISLER,
H. J. YOUNG,
L. LOUX,
Committee.

The several religious services provided for in the above report were observed.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a) Report of Board of Trustees.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES:

Brethren: The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary respectfully present their annual Report.

The usual semi-annual and annual meetings have been held, and the routine business transacted. The only important step we took was the employment of the same counsel engaged by the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, to prosecute and defend the interests of the Seminary in the matter of the Wilhelm bequest.

No additions have been received to the endowment fund during the year. The Treasurer's Report will fully explain the financial condition of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *President,*
EDW. J. ZAHM, *Secretary,*
JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

The following is the Treasurer's report referred to in the foregoing document:

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1877.		DR.	
Oct. 11,	For interest from	G. Sarbaugh	$40 00
" 12,	" "	Geo. Besore's Bond	30 00
" 19,	" "	Kieffer Legacy to Oct. 1, '77	285 00
" 19,	" "	Cook " " "	25 50
" 19,	" "	N. Cen. R. R. Bond	35 00
" 19,	" "	Bal. of ins't. due	1 85
" 22,	" "	E. J. Zahm to Oct. 1, '77	153 63
Dec. 12,	" "	Rev. J. W. Love to Nov. 1, '77.	6 00
1878.			
Jan. 9,	" "	on Loan	13 17
" 23	" "	Geo. Sarbaugh on acc't	100 00
Feb. 4,	" "	Geo. Houseworth to Feb. 3, '78	60 00
" 7,	" "	Geo. W. Schroyer to Feb. 8, '78	105 00
" 9,	" "	on Loan	47
March 29,	" "	Jos. Lerner to Ap'l. 1, 78	30 00
April 2,	" "	E. J. Zahm to Ap'l. 1, 78	153 63
" 3,	" "	Geo. Carbaugh to Oct. 1, '77	120 00
" 4,	" "	W. L. Harbaugh Feb. 13, '78	18 00
" 6,	" "	I. Hahn to date	19 50
" 12,	" "	Horst. Bond to Ap'l. 1, '78	116 04
" 15,	" "	A. B. Wingerd, Ap'l. 1, 78	185 41
May 9,	" "	Kieffer Legacy Ap'l. 1, 78	285 00
" 9,	" "	Cook " Ap'l. 1, 78	35 00
" 10,	" "	on acc't. W. Susq. Classis Bond	14 54
" 20,	" "	Mercersburg Cl. Bond to July 1, '78	60 00
" 28,	" "	Tohickon Classis to June, 1, '78	10 84
" 30,	" "	J. B. Roth to Ap'l 1, 78	150 00
June 13,	" "	on acc't. Geo. Sarbaugh	80 00
" 13,	" "	on acc't. F. A. Gast, D. D., Salary Fund	25 00
July 10,	" "	Int. Geo. W. Schroyer to Aug. 8, '78	105 00
" 19,	" "	F. A. Gast, Salary Fund	15 00
" 19,	" "	Bond of Zion Classis to May 1, '78	60 00
" 19,	" "	" Lebanon Classis to June 30, 78	30 00
" 24,	" "	F. A. Gast, Salary Fund	10 00
" 25,	" "	Int. Geo. S. Griffith to Jan. 1, '78	30 00
Aug. 5,	" "	Int. G. Houseworth to Aug. 3, '78	60 00
" 12,	" "	" Wm. J. Baer, in full	971 66
Sept. 13,	" "	" E. G. Smith to Oct. 1, '78	42 62
" 14,	" "	" Bond E. Penna. Classis to Oct. 1, '78	30 00
" 24,	" "	" J. B. Roth to Oct. 1, '78	150 00
" 25,	" "	" " " "	60 00
" 27,	" "	div. Harrisburg Bridge Co. Stock	10 00
" 30,	" "	" rec. on Building Fund to date	832 88
Oct. 1,	" "	" on Pittsburgh Prof. Fund to Oct. 1, '78	85 47
" 1,	" "	" A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, '78	301 45
" 1,	" "	" W. L. Harbaugh, Aug. 13, '78	18 00
" 1,	" "	Bal. due Treas	1109 37
			$6080 03

CR.

1877.

Oct. 1,	By Bal. due Treas. per act	$1782	76
Oct. 27,	By Amt. paid F. A. Gast, on act	100	00
Nov. 20,	" T. G. Apple "	200	00
"	" E. V. Gerhart "	200	00
1878.			
Jan. 9,	" E. V. Gerhart in full, to Jan. 1, '78	175	00
"	" T. G. Apple "	175	00
"	" F. A. Gast "	100	00
"	" Janitor Services to Jan. 1, '78	50	00
17	" Kepler and Slaymaker's Bill	18	85
Feb. 2,	" F. A. Gast, on act	100	00
"	" T. G. Apple "	200	00
"	" E.V. Gerhart "	200	00
March 8,	" Jno. Arnold, Slating at E. V. G	16	00
" 29,	" F. A. Gast in full to April 1, '78	100	00
April 4,	" E. V. Gerhart "	175	00
"	" T. G. Apple "	175	00
"	" Janitor's Services to April 1, '78	50	00
"	" "New Era" Bill of Catalogues, 1878	25	00
" 10,	" A. Burger "Bill of repairs," E. V. G	5	50
" 24,	" for Brooms		50
" 29,	" F. A. Gast, on act	100	00
May 10,	" E. V. Gerhart "	200	00
"	" T. G. Apple "	200	00
June 10,	" F. A. Gast, in full to July 1, '78	100	00
"	" E. V. Gerhart "	175	00
"	" T. G. Apple "	175	00
" 14,	" Lane & Co.'s Bill	1	00
"	" E. Shertzer, "Bill of repair," E. V. G	10	67
" 22,	" A. A. Skinner, "Recorder,"	4	75
July 5,	" Janitor's Services to July 1, '78	50	00
" 15,	" E. V. Gerhart, on ac't	200	00
" 24,	" F. A. Gast, "on acct. of increase of Salary" by Synod	50	00
Aug. 10,	" T. G. Apple ac't.	200	00
"	" F. A. Gast on ac't	100	00
" 30,	" E. V. Gerhart, in full, Oct. 1, '78	175	00
" 30,	" for ck. book and P. O. Stamps	5	00
Sept. 13,	" E. G. Smith att'y. services	20	00
" 16,	" T. G. Apple, in full to Oct. 1, '78	175	00
"	" F. A. Gast "	100	00
"	" Janitor's Services "	50	00
"	" Int. on Klopp Legacy to Oct. 1, '78	40	00
Sept. 30,	" Treas. Salary to Oct. 1, '78	100	00
		$6080	03

1878.

Oct. 1,	Balance due Treas. date	$1109	37
"	Collectable interest due to date	$1200	00

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

October, 1878.

DR.

1877.	Am't of Principal	$2069 96	
Oct. 1,	For Bal. due by Treas. to date		$103 90
"	Int. A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, '77		23 56
Oct. 22,	" E. J. Zahm "		7 50
1878.			
April 2,	" E. J. Zahm to April 1, 78		7 50
" 15,	" A. B. Wingerd "		24 59
			$167 05

CR.

1877.				
Oct. 27,	By am't. paid J. M. Stoddart & Co.'s, bill	$6 00		
" 27,	" A. Bendel's "	5 32		
Dec. 13,	" F. W. Christern's "	4 50		
1878.				
March 2,	" A. H. Roffe & Co.'s "	12 25		
" 11,	" J. M. Stoddard & Co.'s "	6 00		
April 4,	" A. Bendel's "	6 75		
May 20,	" F. W. Christern's "	4 10		
June 21,	" S. H. Zahm & Co.'s "	9 30		
Aug. 12,	" F. A. Gast's, Ex. & chgs. "	1 50		
Sept. 13,	" A. Bendel's "	6 10		
" 24,	" R. Clarke & Co.'s "	4 10		
	Oct. 1, '78, Bal. in hands of Treas...	101 13		
				$167 05

J. B. ROTH, *Treasurer of Theological Seminary in account with* SMALTZ FUND.

Amount of Principal is..... $5000 00

DR.

1877.		
Oct, 26,	For Int. P. Franke to Oct. 1, '77	$150 00
1878.		
April 1,	" " April, 1, '78	150 00
Sept. 13,	" J. Showalter in full	19 00
Amount due Treas. Oct. 1,		6 61
		$325 61

CR.

1877.			
Oct. 1.	By am'nt due to Treas. to date,	$10 61	
Nov. 17,	" paid per order No. 1	100 00	
Dec. 10,	" " " 2	50 00	
1878.			
March 15	" " " 3	35 00	
April 18,	" " " 4	65 00	
Sept. 7,	" " " 5	20 00	
" 24,	" " " 6	20 00	
" 25,	" " " 7	25 00	
			$325 61

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* BUILDING FUND.

1877.			
Oct. 1,	Am't reported to Board		$12,221 29
" 1,	To Geo. Daniels' note paid	25 00	
" 8,	J. N. Zimmerman's "	5 00	
1878.			
July 20,	Jno. Laubach's "	9 76	
Aug. 19,	A. Wilhelm's "	10 00	49 76
	Total amount, Oct. 1, '78		$12,271 05

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* PITTSBURGH PROFESSOR FUND

1877.		
Oct. 1,	Amount reported to Board	$1718 30
1878.		
Oct. 1,	Int. on $1424 55, Principal of Notes Collected.*	.....
	Amount of Fund, Oct. 1, '78	$1718.30

* The Board directed the Treasurer to transfer this sum of interest to the Contingent Fund account. EDW. J. ZAHM, *Rec. Sec.*

Statement of Endowment Fund of THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1877.		
Oct. 1,	Amount reported to Board	$64.487 81

No increase to Oct. 1, '78.

Only about $60,000 dollars of this fund is interest-bearing.

JNO. B. ROTH, Treas.

The undersigned, "Auditing Committee," having examined the Treasurer's accounts, and compared his vouchers, find them correct. WM. A. WILT. GEO. Z. KUNKEL.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 1, 1878.

b) *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Respected Brethren: The Board of Visitors take pleasure in reporting the continued prosperity of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. The institution was opened on the first Wednesday of September, 1877, all the professors being in attendance. Every department was pursued during the whole course of the Seminary year. The following persons were admitted to the Junior Class: Alfred T. Dreisbach, Jacob S. Hartzel, Jefferson E. Kerschner, William J. Kerschner, Charles F. Sontag and Franklin Wetzel, all graduates of Franklin and Marshall College. The Faculty reports that as regards Christian piety and diligent application to study, the tone of the institution has been on a par with what it was in previous years.

The members of the Board attended the examination at the close of the year. The examinations exhibited the diligence of the pro-

fessors in imparting instruction, and the progress of the students in their studies. It was the opinion of the Board, that in several instances this progress was not just what might be expected, but as a whole the examinations were approved.

The following students, members of the Senior Class, having finished the whole course of study prescribed, were honorably dismissed from the Seminary, and recommended for licensure to preach the gospel: Adam J. Bachman, Henry E. Cook, John M. Evans, Benjamin B. Ferer, Frederick B. Hahn, Stephen S. Kohler, John H. Leinbach, Samuel M. Roeder, Daniel E. Rupley, John S. Wagner and William H. Xanders.

The whole number of students connected with the Seminary during the year was twenty-five. Although it might appear that it does not fall exactly within the province of this report, yet we are glad to know, that the members of the graduating class, all with perhaps one or two exceptions, had found fields of labor before the present Seminary year opened. The harvest in the Reformed Church is by no means yet supplied with laborers. The number of ministers in proportion to the membership is much less than in other Protestant denominations. Efforts, therefore, should not be relaxed to seek out and encourage young men of talents and proper qualifications to enter the Seminary with a view of preparing themselves for the holy ministry. When we consider the yearly mortality in the ranks of the ministry, the large size of many of the charges, and especially the great missionary field yet to be occupied by the Reformed Church, the conclusion is clear, that the number of candidates for the ministry should not diminish, but rather increase. At the same time, the Board is of the opinion that the qualifications of the candidate should be kept up to a high standard. The age requires that the ministry should not only possess proper spiritual qualifications, which is the primary desideratum, but also thorough literary culture.

The result of the Board acting as a Board of Education may be gathered from the report of the Treasurer, which is herewith appended.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT OF TREASURER.

Board of Education of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

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By balance in Treasury, Oct. 24th, 1877		$588 11
By Cash received from the Classis of	Lebanon	260 00
" "	Philadelphia	55 36
" "	West Susquehanna	288 22
Amount carried forward		$1192 39

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Amount brought forward	$ 1,192 39
By Cash received from the Classis of Tohickon	213 84
Interest on Klopp Legacy	40 00
Interest on Gerhart Legacy	12 00
Interest from Publication Board	117 64
Interest from Treasurer on balance last year	35 28
Dividends in Harrisburg Bank	33 75
	$1,644 90

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To cash paid beneficiaries Lebanon Classis.	$260 00		
" West Susquehanna	350 50		
" Tohickon	227 00		
" General Board	49 50		
" Estate of N. Fisher, principal and interest in full	530 00		
" Expenses of Pres't of Board	1 80		
" Expenses of Treasurer	3 00		
" Balance in Treasury	223 10		$1,644 90

I have examined the foregoing account per vouchers, and find it to be correct, there being a balance in the Treasury of $223 10.

Easton, Pa., Oct. 25, 1878. THEODORE APPEL.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing documents had been referred, submitted their report, which was received, taken up item by item, amended and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully submit the following:

The documents placed in our hands are the reports of the Board of Visitors, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Treasurers of these Boards.

From the report of the Board of Trustees, we learn that no additions have been received to the Endowment Fund during the year, and that it employed the same counsel engaged by the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to prosecute and defend its interest in the matter of the Wilhelm bequest.

From the report of the Board of Visitors it affords us pleasure to state, that the Seminary enjoyed continued prosperity, that all its professors were diligent and regular in the discharge of their duties, and that the students made commendable progress.

The whole number of students connected with the Seminary during the year was twenty-five. Eleven graduated, received certificates of dismission and recommendations for licensure, and with one or two

Salem. Rev. J. Mühlhaupt has succeeded in organizing two small congregations during the year, and his missions promise well for the future. Appropriation $250.

Washington Territory.

The Rev. Mechtersheim is teaching for the present at Walla Walla, and laboring with much zeal to organize a mission at that place. Another German missionary from the East is expected soon to enter this field with the view of starting a new mission. Oregon and Washington Territory are also exceedingly promising fields for missionary labor.

Summary.

Missionaries	28
Membership	2740
Additions during the year	336
Baptisms	451
Sunday School Scholars	3080
Contributions for missionary and benevolent objects	$865
Contributions for local objects	$15,886
Value of Church Property	$160,900
Indebtedness	$51,170

For the financial condition of the Board, the Synod is referred to the report of the Treasurer, and to the financial statement of the Resident Secretary.

Since I undertook the office of the Superintendency my labors have been arduous. Knowing the importance of increasing the contributions throughout the Church to the cause of Missions, it has been one of my principal objects during the year to visit the older charges and by preaching on the subject and consultations with the pastors, to stir up new interest. An effort was made at the opening of the year to secure special collections, in order to meet the immediate and pressing wants of the missionaries. Quite a number of congregations responded to this call. So also I have aimed to turn to account the usual harvest services for this cause, visiting and preaching in a number of charges. In this way I have been engaged pretty much every Sunday, preaching two and three times, and occasionally during the week. In connection with my services in this way, I have occasionally delivered lectures, devoting the proceeds to the cause of Missions in one form or another. My labors have been thus far chiefly in East Pennsylvania, where the numerical strength and wealth of the Church are so great in proportion to other sections.

I have urged upon pastors and congregations the importance of carrying out the recommendation of the Board and Council in reference to organizing missionary societies. In many congregations this plan has been adopted with good results. Contributions to missions will never be what they should be and may be without any special burden, until they become systematic. If we could reach all our men

bers and secure something, however small, regularly from each member and each Sunday School scholar, the treasury would be always adequate to the demands on it. Here lies, in great part, the secret of success. Any method that will aid in reaching this result, is highly to be commended. It is believed, that the organization of missionary societies according to the plan submitted, will do much towards bringing about this result. I think it would have a good effect, if the Synods would add the weight of their authority and influence in enjoining this matter upon all the charges. In these times of financial depression, it is a matter of life and death for our missions to keep up the necessary supply of funds, and the only way to secure this is to reach all the members. It is believed that the special efforts put forth will show good results in a larger amount contributed this year than last year, but the movement in this direction is only begun, and it may reasonably be expected, that the contributions will go on increasing for years to come without additional burden on the churches. In our work in this direction we have looked to the future.

I have also visited a number of our missions in the valley of Virginia, in Delaware, up the Susquehanna, &c., and endeavored to ascertain their condition and wants, as well as to carry to them encouragement. A beginning for a new mission has been made, as already said, at Ridgely on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The congregation is at present supplied by the missionary at Wyoming, but before long it will need a missionary of its own. I have explored a new field also at Great Bend, in the northern part of Pennsylvania, on the north branch of the Susquehanna, where there is a growing settlement of our people, who are ready for church organization. It is believed that this point and Binghampton, N. Y., which I also visited, may constitute a missionary charge.

It will be seen from this report, that the English mission in Washington City has at length been established and a pastor settled over it. Dr. Russell has been laboring there since January last. It will no doubt require time and patience, faith and hard labor, to bring this enterprise to a successful issue, but our experience in such cities as Pittsburg and Cincinnati; should encourage the Church to persevere in faith and hope.

The Reformed Church is gradually gaining a foothold on the Pacific slope In California and in Oregon we now have churches, where a few years ago we were unknown. In some places the progress has been slow, in others more encouraging. Only those who have been in close communication with the missions, know the many trials and difficulties through which they must pass, before they become successfully established. But this is their gracious baptism.

The Church needs to have revived throughout all its borders a missionary spirit. Instead of fearing that we may have more candidates for the ministry than can find fields of labor, the Church ought to pray for more laborers, especially for a class of young men, full of zeal and the spirit of self-denial, who may [illegible] be willing but

eager to go forth and labor as our forefathers in the ministry in this country labored, to lay the foundations for the future in new and destitute fields. Might it not be well for our schools of the prophets to pay special attention to this side of ministerial preparation in their training of young men for the holy office.

Just as he was gathering up the fruits of his year's experience and bringing the whole interest personally before the several Synods, the Superintendent was overtaken, in the providence of God, with a serious and somewhat prolonged spell of sickness, so that the present report had to be prepared by other friendly hands. He regrets very much that he cannot be present at all the meetings of the Synods and bring before them personally the fruits of his observations and experience, in urging forward a cause which lies so near the heart of the Church. But he feels assured that any disadvantage, which may result in these respects from his illness, will be more than made up by the warm-hearted zeal and rich experience of those in the Board and Council and others, with whom he has labored so harmoniously and pleasantly during the past year. With the prayer, that the blessing of the great Head of the Church may rest abundantly upon the missionary work of the Church, he closes and hereby respectfully offers this imperfect report of his labors.

THEODORE APPEL,
Sup't of Missions.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO MISSIONS.

A request from the General Synod to the District Synods to carry on their Missionary work through the Missionary Boards of the Church, and a resolution adopted by the same Synod, calling the attention of the District Synods to the apportionment made by the Board of Home Missions of the balance due the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, were referred to the Committee on Missions.

A request from the Classis of Goshenhoppen addressed to this Synod to organize a mission in Florida, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was referred to the Committee on Missions.

A communication was also received from the Secretary of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

V. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions submitted their report. It was received, amended and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to offer the following report. They had referred to them the following documents:

HOME MISSIONS.

1. Report from William H. Seibert, Treasurer of Tri-Synodic Board, from which we learn the following facts.

Amount brought forward		$9,562 36
Miscellaneous Sources..		
Classis of San Francisco	$ 20 05	
A Friend in Michigan	5 00	
Loans	795 50	
Balance in Treasury, October 8, 1877	570 84	
		$1,391 39
Total from all sources		$10,953 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders of Board paid during year	$10,578 40	
Paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis	135 00	
Balance in Treasury	240 35	
		$10,953 75

It is gratifying to note, that the sum contributed by the Church for Missions during the year just closed is about $1500 in excess of last year's contributions; but still it is inadequate to pay off the indebtedness of the Board to the Missionaries. It is earnestly hoped, that the Great Head of the Church will dispose His professed people to greater liberality during the next year, so that at its close the Board may find itself out of debt.

Very respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, October 8, 1878.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee of the Board of Missions, have examined the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of said Board, comparing it with his vouchers, and find it correct.

W. H. H. SNYDER, D. W. GROSS, } *Committee.*

HARRISBURG, Oct. 8, 1878.

III. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Superintendent of Missions:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac:

Reverend and Dear Brethren:—In presenting my first annual report as Superintendent of Missions within the bounds of these eastern Synods herein addressed, I enumerate first the different missions under your care in the several states in which they are located, so as to present a geographical view of the territory embraced in the missionary field.

Pennsylvania.

Catasauqua. This mission reports a membership of ninety-four members. Confirmed nine. Received by renewal of profession three. Baptized twenty-two. There is a prospect of soon effecting an arrangement by which this mission will be connected with a neighboring charge, and so will need no further assistance from the Board.

Classes composing this Synod, to cover the expenses for the current year.

East Pennsylvania Classis,		$1,350
Lebanon	"	1,350
Philadelphia	"	500
Goshenhoppen	"	1,000
Tohickon	"	700
East Susquehanna	"	900
West Susquehanna	"	700
Lancaster	"	800
		$7,300

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod earnestly recommend the formation of auxiliary missionary societies in our congregations, as far as practicable.

2. *Resolved*, That all our congregations and Sunday Schools be earnestly encouraged to contribute statedly to the cause of Missions

3. *Resolved*, That all moneys collected within the bounds of this Synod for the erection of a chapel at Washington, be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, William H. Seibert.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A paper from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. T. S. Johnston, informing this Synod that Ambrose D. Gring, a licentiate of our Church, was chosen by the Board as missionary to Japan, including a request that the Synod give the subject of Foreign Missions proper attention at their missionary meeting during its sessions.

On this paper of Dr. Johnston, your Committee recommend the following action.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod has learned with sincere joy of the appointment by the Board of Foreign Missions, of the Rev. Ambrose D. Gring to a mission in Japan.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod extends to Bro. Gring and his estimable wife their hearty sympathy in the important work to which they have devoted themselves, and will sustain them in it with their prayers and material support; and that the several Classes in connection with this Synod are requested to direct the various charges within their bounds to take up at least one collection each year, (or to contribute in other forms) to the cause of Foreign Missions, with instructions to forward all funds to this object through the treasurer of the Classes, to Mr. R. F. Kelker, Harrisburg, the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

in German and English. The membership numbers two hundred and fifty, with a growing Sunday School of one hundred and fifty scholars. They own an eligible church property centrally located, but are burdened also by a pretty large debt. The prospects of the mission are good. Pastor, F. K. Levan. Appropriation $400.

Lock Haven. Members forty. Sunday School Scholars eighty. Additions four. Baptisms seven. The mission has purchased the 2d Presbyterian Church building, and are thus provided with a house of worship. It is struggling through many difficulties, and making progress in the midst of many discouragements. Pastor, Isaac S. Stahr. Appropriation $300.

Wilkinsburg and East Liberty. The missionaries at these places, J. M. Souders and H. D. Darbaker, have been absent from their posts for several months during the past summer, partly on account of their health, but their places have been supplied by Rev. W. F. Lichliter, without any additional expense to the missions or the Board. They have both returned with improved health, and they report the condition of the missions as prosperous. It is a matter of great thankfulness and encouragement, that so many congregations are growing up and around Pittsburg, where but a comparatively short time ago we were without a single church. Bro. Darbaker, although somewhat improved in health, still expects to withdraw from the mission by the 1st of January next. Appropriation for Wilkinsburg $250, East Liberty $300.

Allegheny City. The mission congregation in this city has been called to pass through many trials. At present it is again without a pastor, and its prospects are not very encouraging. The Superintendent visited it and preached for the congregation, assuring the brethren, that the Board will do all it can in promoting its interests and welfare. Old appropriation $400. Vacant.

Orbisonia. Members ninety-six. Additions eight. Baptisms fourteen. This mission is prospering. A new church is soon to be dedicated. Pastor, J. Schick. Appropriation $150.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford Co. The annual report from this mission speaks encouragingly. The charge is engaged in paying off the debt on church and parsonage. Members, one hundred and forty-five. Baptisms eleven, and a catechetical class preparing for confirmation. Pastor, W. Aug. Gring. Appropriation the same as last year, $200.

Chambersburg German. This mission is at present vacant, but it is expected that it may be soon supplied again with a regular pastor. Appropriation last year $75.

Duncannon. Members one hundred and thirty. Baptisms eighteen. Additions by confirmation five, and certificate, &c., fourteen. Sunday School scholars one hundred and seventy-five. The condition of this mission is reported as prosperous. The people are faithful, and the pastor is active in improving the condition of the charge, which, were it not for a debt on the church at Marysville, might be expected before

presided. The missionary hymn entitled, "From Greenland's icy mountains," was then sung. A brief address was delivered by the Rev. David Van Horne, D.D., President of the Board of Foreign Missions, introducing the missionary to the audience, to whom he made a brief but appropriate and touching address. The services were closed with prayer by the President of the Synod, the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D.D., and the Doxology and apostolic benediction by the missionary.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their annual report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance, except the nominations for filling the vacancy occurring in the Board, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The report is as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—The Board of Trustees beg leave to present their annual report.

The Board had instructions to pay a sum not exceeding $1,000, on the loan made of George Fox for the use of the Publication Board, with which the Board could not fully comply on account of a misunderstanding between Mr. Fox and our former President, Mr. Fox demanding $2,000 instead of $1,000; and in order to meet this demand, we authorized the Treasurer to sell a bond of the Northern Central Railroad of $1,000. The Board has also made the following changes in the loan: borrowed $2,500 of the Board of Missions, and paid said amount on claim of Mr. George Fox, leaving a balance due him of $500, with interest from October 1st, 1878.

There is an assessment still due and unpaid of the General Synod, which should be promptly met, and could be done, were it not that some of the Classes are in arrears for two years in the payment of assessments made upon them by Synod.

The Board is at present constituted of the following persons:

George W. Hensel,.....	whose term	expires	January 1st,	1879
Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D.D.....	"	"	"	1880
George H. Small.....	"	"	"	1881
James T. Reber.....	"	"	"	1882
Rev. W. H. H. Snyder.....	"	"	"	1883

As the term of Geo. W. Hensel will expire on the first day of January, 1879, we respectfully propose the names of John J. Nissley and A. Mader as candidates to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES T. REBER, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. HENSEL, *Treasurer Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

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4,	To Balance in hands of Treasurer of Contingent as reported to Synod		$560 35
	Deduct clerical error in amount received from West Susquehanna Classis, April 5th, 1877	$10 00	
	Also amount due Treasurer on account of Publication Board	30 00	40 00
	Actual balance		$520 35
6,	Cash from Lebanon Classis per Rev. H. Mosser, Treasurer		50 00
1,	" East Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. S. G. Wagner, Tr.		60 00
7,	" Lancaster Classis, per Rev. C. Clever, Treasurer		43 85
17,	" " " "		20 00
22,	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treasurer		135 00
6,	" Lancaster Classis, per Rev. C. Clever, Treasurer		15 00
26,	" West Susq. Classis, per Rev. G. E. Addams, Treas		37 00
1,	" for Proceeds, sale of Northern Central R. R. Bond		981 00
	" Six months' interest on " "		30 00
12,	" Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treas		120 00
25,	" West Susq. Classis, per Rev. G. E. Addams, Treas		5 00
1,	" East Susq. Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq., Treasurer		80 00
9,	" West Susq. Classis, per Rev. G. E. Addams, Treas		41 00
15,	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treasurer		40 00
24,	" Lancaster Classis, per Rev. C. Clever, Treasurer		45 00
28,	" Tohickon Classis, per E. Shellenberger, Esq., Treas.		80 00
10,	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treasurer		25 00
25,	" Wm. H. Seibert, Treas. Board of Mission Loan		2,500 00
31,	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treasurer		77 00
16,	" Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treas		120 00
21,	" Lancaster Classis, per Rev. C. Clever, Treasurer		25 00
7,	" West Susq. Classis, per Rev. G. E. Addams, Treas		12 20
14,	" E. Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. S. G. Wagner, Tr.		100 00
17,	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treasurer		64 68
23,	" Tohickon Classis, per E. Shellenberger, Esq., Treas.		60 00
			$5,287 08

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24,	By Cash paid Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., Salary as Stated Clerk, translating minutes, postage, etc		$121 25
1,	By Cash paid Geo. Fox on account of loan for use of Publication Board on principal $2,000, and six months' interest, $150		2,150 00
7,	By Cash paid Travelling Expenses of the Board, as follows: Rev. T. H. Leinbach, $3.00; Jas. T. Reber, $7.05; Rev. S. Kuhn, $1.20; Geo. W. Hensel, $8.15		20 43
	Amount carried forward		$2,291 68

	Amount brought forward	$2,291 68
June 21,	By Cash paid Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., Treasurer Publication Board, for Printing Minutes of Synod	275 00
July 25,	By Cash paid Geo. Fox on account of loan for use of Publication Board	2,500 00
Sept. 17,	By Cash paid Geo. Fox interest due on loan to October 1st	62 91
"	By Cash paid Bair & Shuck interest on overdraft of Bank act.	3 53
Oct. 23,	By Balance in hands of Treasurer	153 96
		$5,287 08

FOR SEMINARY AND GERHART FUND.

1878. DR.

Mar. 16,	To Cash received from B. Wolff, Jr., six months' interest on Heyser mortgage	$135 00
Apr. 12,	" Wm. L. Heyser, " "	150 00
15,	" Six months' interest on Cook legacy	35 00
Oct. 7,	" B. Wolff, Jr., six months' int. on Heyser mortgage.	135 00
16,	" Six months' interest on $1,000 bond Cook legacy	25 00
"	" Two years' interest on Gerhart Fund	36 00
21,	" W. L. Heyser, six months' interest on mortgage	150 00
		$666 00

1878. CR.

May 7,	By Cash paid Jno. B. Roth, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary, six months' interest on Keiffer and Cook legacies	$320 00
Oct. 16,	By Cash paid Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., Treasurer Board Education, two years' interest on $100 of Gerhart Fund	12 00
"	" " W. H. Seibert, Esq., Treas. Board Mission Fund.	12 00
"	" " T. J. Craig, Esq., Treas. Foreign Mission Fund.	12 00
22,	By Cash paid Jno. B. Roth, Esq., Treasurer Theological Seminary, six months' interest on Keiffer and Cook legacies	310 00
		$666 00

The following Classes within the bounds of this Synod are in arrears, viz.:

	Contingent Fund for 1876.	Contingent Fund for 1877.	Sinking Fund for 1877.	Total.
East Pennsylvania	...	...	140 00	140 00
Goshenhoppen	...	...	40 00	40 00
East Susquehanna	116 00	65 00	115 00	296 00
West Susquehanna	...	47 50	95 00	142 50
Lebanon	...	...	108 32	108 32
Philadelphia	175 00	65 00	50 00	290 00
Tohickon	...	13 98	70 00	83 98
Lancaster	29 15	65 00	100 00	194 15
	$320 15	$256 48	$718 32	$1,294 95

The undersigned, Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees of Synod, have examined the foregoing account of Geo. W. Hensel, Treasurer of Synod, compared his vouchers, and find it correct; and there remains in his hands a balance of $153 96.

JAMES T. REBER,
G. H. SMALL.

HARRISBURGH, Pa., Oct. 21st, 1878.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren:—As my term of office will expire in January next, you will be called upon to elect my successor during your present sitting. In presenting this my last annual report to your venerable body, I would beg leave to state, that there has been no change made in the investments of Synod during the past year, except the sale of the $1,000 bond of the Northern Central R. R., which I did by order of the Board of Trustees of Synod, in order to meet the demand of Mr. Fox for a larger portion of the loan for the use of the Publication Board than was contemplated by your action one year ago. It is a source of profound regret to your Treasurer not to be able to present a more flattering state of the finances of Synod. You will notice from the foregoing statement, that there is an unusually large amount of delinquent assessments due by the different Classes, not only for the past year, but several are delinquent for the year previous—in one case for the whole amount of the assessment for that year. In view of this fact, and the payment made on account of the Publication Board, it has been impossible to meet the payment of the assessment by the General Synod at Fort Wayne, which is $275. It will, therefore, be proper to make provision for the payment of this sum, and the assessment of $640 by the late General Synod at Lancaster, as well as other contingent expenses, all of which can be readily met without a heavy assessment on the Classes, provided the back-standing assessments are promptly paid. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. HENSEL, *Treasurer.*

QUARRYVILLE, Pa., Oct. 23, 1878.

The assessment of $640, made upon this Synod by the General Synod for contingent purposes, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the following items were referred to them for consideration:

First, the Treasurer's Report, audited by a committee of the Board of Trustees.

Second, the assessment of $640 made by the General Synod upon this Synod.

Third, The Report of the Trustees of Synod.

From the Treasurer's Report, we learn that Classes are in arrears as follows:

For Contingent Fund.

	1876.	1877.
East Susquehanna	$116.00	$65.00
Philadelphia	175.00	65.00
Lancaster	29.15	65.00
West Susquehanna		47.50
Tohickon		13.98
Total	$320.15	$256.48

For Sinking Fund.

East Pennsylvania	$140.00
Goshenhoppen	40.00
East Susquehanna	115.00
West Susquehanna	95.00
Lebanon	108.32
Philadelphia	50.00
Tohickon	70.00
Lancaster	100.00
Total	$718.32

The Treasurer reports a balance in hand amounting to $153.96. The estimated expenses for the current year, including the assessment of the General Synod, will amount to $1,300.

Your Committee would recommend the following apportionment for Contingent Fund:

East Pennsylvania	$140.00
Lebanon	140.00
Goshenhoppen	85.00
Tohickon	65.00
Lancaster	85.00
East Susquehanna	80.00
West "	70.00
Philadelphia	75.00
Total	$740.00

For Sinking Fund:

East Pennsylvania	$125.00
Lebanon	125.00
Goshenhoppen	85.00
Lancaster	85.00
East Susquehanna	95.00
West Susquehanna	85.00
Tohickon	60.00
Philadelphia	40.00
Total	$700.00

Your Committee would suggest the following:

Resolved, That those Classes which are in arrears on Synodical expenses be earnestly requested to pay their assessments as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted.

N. Z. SNYDER,
DANIEL FEETE, } *Committee.*
JACOB LAUDIG,

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the deficiency of the Synod to the General Synod's Treasury, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

An election was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod. Rev. Daniel E. Schoedler, J. M. Hartzel, and Elder George Hertzel were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the President. Mr. J. J. Nissley, of Hummelstown, Pa., was elected a Trustee of Synod for the ensuing five years, from the 1st of January next.

Rev. Samuel Kuhn, Thomas N. Reber, Stephen Schweitzer, William G. Engle, and S. Sidney Kohler, were appointed a committee to collect twenty-five cents from each member of Synod to defray the immediate contingent expenses of the present sessions. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

We, the committee on Synodical Assessment, beg leave respectfully to report:

That we have attended to the duty assigned us, and collected the sum of thirty-four dollars and eighty-five cents, which has been paid over to the Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Porter, the pastor of the congregation, in whose house of worship the sessions of Synod are held.

Respectfully submitted.

S. KUHN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in regard to the items contained in their report under the head of Irregularities, was affirmed.

A resolution was adopted by Synod, directing the special attention of the several Classes to the action of the General Synod, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, advising that special prayer be offered in behalf of the Peace Commission, whilst in session.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, the General Synod will hold its next triennial sessions in the First Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio, on the second Wednesday before Ascension Day, May 18th, A. D. 1881, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Classis of Goshenhoppen requested Synod to urge the Classes within its bounds to prepare monographs of their churches. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the several Classes be instructed to request every pastor in their connection to prepare a sketch of the origin and history of their congregations and deposit it in the archives of Classis.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D. and Thomas C. Porter, D.D. were appointed a committee to defend the action of this Synod before the General Synod in certain cases carried up to it by way of complaint. The following report was received from this committee and adopted:

The committee appointed to defend this Synod before the General Synod in the case of the complaints of the Rev. David E. Klopp, D.D. and John H. Sechler, respectfully report:

That they had no occasion to make said defence, as the complaints were withdrawn. Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee appointed by the Synod of last year to prepare and submit a programme of subjects in relation to Sunday Schools, for discussion at the sessions of the Synod, and to appoint persons to introduce the discussion on the several items proposed, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by the Synod, which convened in Allentown in October, 1877, to prepare a programme of subjects in relation to Sunday Schools, for discussion at the next annual sessions of Synod, and to appoint persons to introduce the discussion on the several topics, submit the following:

I. "The Internal Mission of the Sunday School; or its Relation to the Church." *Primarius:* Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger. *Secundus:* Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

II. "The External Mission of the Sunday School; or its Relation to the outside World." *Primarius:* Dr. C. Z. Weiser. *Secundus:* Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

III. "The Sunday School and its Teachers; or the best Method of securing an efficient Corps of Instructors." *Primarius:* Dr. B. Bausman. *Secundus:* Dr. F. W. Kremer.

IV. "The Sunday School as a Nursery of Piety and Christian Worship." *Primarius:* Rev. W. H. H. Snyder. *Secundus:* Rev. R. F. Zinkhan.

The opening speakers will be allowed fifteen minutes,—all others will be limited to five minutes. The time for the discussion of these topics to be fixed by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

S. A. LEINBACH,
T. O. STEM,
JACOB RADER, } *Committee.*

It was ordered that the discussion provided for take place on Thursday evening. At the time appointed a large congregation assembled in the church. The services were presided over by the Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, and introduced by prayer. The first topic was discussed by the Rev. Nathan Z. Snyder, and the second by the Revs. Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., and R. Leighton Gerhart. They were followed in each case by several volunteer speakers. Much interest was awakened in the subjects discussed. The discussion of the last two topics was deferred until Monday evening. When the time arrived, however, the several speakers were absent, and the time was occupied by an evening session of Synod.

A communication was received from the Sunday School Board of the Synod of the Potomac, as reported by the Committee on overtures, and referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Alfred J. G. Dubbs, John P. Stein, James I. Good, and Elders A. L. Kaub and Elias Brown. This committee submitted a report, which was received, and after considerable discussion, recommitted. The committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee, to whom the document from the President of the Sunday School Board of the Synod of the Potomac in regard to the propriety of publishing a Sunday School Monthly was referred, beg leave to submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to forward the recommendation of the Sunday School Board of the Synod of the Potomac to the Reformed Publication Board at Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. G. DUBBS,
JNO. P. STEIN,
JAS. I GOOD,
A. L. KAUB, } *Committee.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a Sunday School Board be created by this Synod, to which shall be committed the interests of the Sunday School work within the bounds of this Synod.

Resolved, That this Board consist of three members, who shall be elected at this Synod, one of whom shall serve one year, one two years, and one three years; and as their respective terms of office expire, their successors be elected for a term of three years.

Resolved, That the nomination of persons from whom to choose the members to constitute this Board be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations subsequently reported a double number of names, and, at the same time, recommended that the persons elected shall serve three years, two years and one year, in the order of their names, as determined by the number of votes each one has received. An election was accordingly held, and the Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D.D., was chosen for the term of three years, Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., for the term of two years, and Rev. David Van Horne, D.D., for the term of one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows:

Annual Report of the Board of Publication for the eleven months ending September 1st, 1878.

To the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully submits the following report:

The Board has had three regular meetings during the year. At the first meeting, Daniel W. Gross was elected *President*, and Samuel R. Fisher, *Secretary and Treasurer* for the ensuing year.

The particular business entrusted to the Board has received prompt and careful attention. During the earlier part of the year, the prospects were very encouraging, as there was a considerable increase in the business and receipts of the Board. During the summer months, however, a more than usual falling off in business and receipts was experienced, so that the bright prospects of the earlier part of the year were more or less blighted. Still, in this experience the Board has not been alone, as the depression has been felt most seriously in all business circles. Though we are not able to report as favorable results as we had fondly anticipated, yet there is, all things considered,

eal ground for discouragement. With an improvement in the ness condition of the country, and the hearty co-operation of the rch, we can confidently expect to make encouraigng progress in future.

he Board has deemed it expedient to make the financial year with the last of August, one month earlier than heretofore, so the present report covers a period of only eleven months. This ge was found necessary in view of the fact, that the financial , ending as heretofore so very near the time for holding the al meetings of the several Synods represented in the Board, too a time was allowed the officials of the Board for taking a careful unt of stock, and gathering and formulating all the material ssarily entering into the annual report. This fact must be borne ind, when instituting a comparison between the results presented e present and in any previous report.

e Board gave the contracts for executing its work during the to the lowest and best bidder, and has made arrangements to do ame in reference to the ensuing year.

ith a view to continue the careful supervision over the affairs of Board and the exercise of a proper scrutiny into its condition, gurated during the previous year, a committee of three, in which of the Synods included in the Board was represented, was appointed, who met two days prior to the annual meeting of Board itself and entered into an investigation similar to the one the previous year. The following is the report this committee nted to the Board, and adopted by it:

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18, 1878.

e undersigned committee appointed by the Board of Publica- of the Reformed Church, for the purpose of taking an inventory e stock, and ascertain the amount of assets and put a just and valuation on the same, and also to ascertain the amount of the lities of said Board, do report as follows:

hat we have made a careful estimate of the value of the stock in store, publications, materials on hand, and all other assets, with ollowing results:

Estimated value of Assets		$44,623.34
Real Estate		35,000.00
		$79,623.34
Liabilities	$32,097.36	
Mortgage	20,000.00=	52,097.36
Excess of Assets		$27,525.98

e year ago, when your committee examined the stock, they d a number of publications which had been ordered by Synod, on

hand, for which there was but little or no demand, as well as a large number of back volumes of the "Review" and "Guardian," which had been previously estimated at the cost of publication—these they put a low valuation upon. But still finding the larger portion of this dead matter on hand, we have further reduced them to a mere nominal value in our present estimate.

We find the stock of goods in the store generally fresh, and kept in good order; but in view of the large depreciation in the value of all kinds of merchandise during the past year, we have made material deductions from cost on many of the goods on hand.

We find that, owing to the very limited amount of patronage extended to the establishment by the Church at large, the amount of stock on hand is too large for the amount of sales, and would suggest the reduction of the stock as soon as possible, proportionate with the amount of business done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. HEISEL,
J. W. LOVE,
A. B. WINGERD, } *Committee.*

In accordance with the suggestion of the committee in the foregoing report, the Board appointed a special committee from its own members, to make arrangements for working off, by special efforts, all surplus stock in the establishment.

The decrease in the assets of the Board, as compared with those presented a year ago, is to be accounted for by the further deduction made on the previous valuation by the committee, referred to in their report. Apart from this deduction, they would compare favorably with those of the previous year.

From the full and minute statement of the operations of the Board during the eleven months covered by this report, and of the present condition of the establishment, submitted to the Board by the Superintendent, the following summing up of the receipts and disbursements is gathered:

Receipts for eleven months...	$31,520.14	
Disbursements.....	32,116.30	
Excess of Disbursements....	$ 596.16	
Treasurer's advances, Oct. 1st, 1877,.....		$14,255.60
Add excess of disbursements,.....		596.16
Total Treasurer's advances, Sept. 1, 1878,		$14,851.76

From the report of the Superintendent, it still farther appears, that the subscription lists of the several papers vary but little, as to the number of subscribers, from that reported a year ago. The most

material decrease is in the list of the "Child's Treasury," which reaches nine hundred and forty-four. There is a decrease in that of the "Messenger" of forty-two; "Review," twenty-one; "Lesson Papers," forty-two, and an increase to that of the "Guardian" of fifty-eight. The small decrease in the "Messenger" list, especially, may be accounted for by the careful pruning to which it has been subjected, in the way of relieving it of unprofitable subscribers.

The receipts and disbursements, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, show the former to be about the same, and the latter considerably less than those of last year, which is an encouraging feature.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Board:

"WHEREAS, The Superintendent reports to this Board, that the 'Messenger' is published at a cost of about $2,000 more than is received on account of subscriptions to it, and, *Whereas*, it is not deemed expedient to increase the subscription price, therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Superintendent be directed to use a cheaper grade of paper, and if arrangements can be made with other religious papers, to publish the inside pages of the large issue, on what is known as the co-operative plan.

"*Resolved*, That the attention of the three Synods specially interested in the support of the Printing Establishment, be directed to the loss sustained in the publication of the 'Messenger,' and that they be urged to make every possible effort to increase the subscription list to at least ten thousand paying subscribers.

"*Resolved*, That as an inducement to take the 'Messenger,' new cash subscribers be furnished with it from the date of subscribing to the end of 1878 without charge."

With the approaching 1st of January, the term of George Gelbach, of the Synod of the United States, will expire, and also that of one member of the Board from the Synod of the Potomac. It will devolve upon these Synods to fill the vacancies that shall thus occur.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

D. W. GROSS, *President*.

SAM'L R. FISHER, *Secretary*.

Philadelphia, Oct. 1st, 1878.

The following report was received from the Committee to superintend the publication of the "HAUSFREUND," and referred to the Committee on Publication:

TO THE REV. SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES:

The Committee on the *Hausfreund* would respectfully offer the following report with regard to said paper:

The present number of subscribers amounts to two thousand one hundred. During the year the paper has experienced a loss of three hundred subscribers.

It has no debts. On the other hand there is owing to it, by way

of sub criptions now due, and which are regarded good, a sum of twelve hundred dollars.

During the past year $30 of its surplus fund have been devoted to Church extension. This is one hundred and seventy dollars less than in former years. This deficiency is owing to want of promptness on the part of subscribers in paying their subscriptions. The present hard times may account for this want of promptness.

The paper continues to be edited on the same conditions as stated in former reports to Synod, by Rev. B. Bausman, D.D.

Respectfully submitted.

E. W. Reincke,
J. W. Steinmetz, } *Committee.*
C. Z. Weiser,

The Committee on Publication, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, amended and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report, that the following papers have been referred to them:

1.) The Report of the Board of Publication, together with accompanying statements of the financial operations of the Board for eleven months, ending Sept. 1, 1878.

2.) The Report of the Committee on the "Hausfreund."

From these documents it appears, that the operations of the Board, during the period covered by the report, have been carried forward, with as much success, as, owing to the stringency of the times, was to be expected.

The assets amount to.....	$79,623.34
The liabilities are.....	52,097.36
The excess of assets over liabilities is.....	$27,525.98

The excess of assets over liabilities is less by $4,358.19 than last year. It must, however, be borne in mind, that a lower estimate has been placed on the stock on hand than was done one year ago. The excess of disbursements over receipts is less by $1,202.14 this year than it was last year. There has been a slight falling off in the subscription lists of the "Messenger" and the "Review," with a small increase in that of the "Guardian." The "Messenger" and "Review" are published at a considerable loss to the Board. The only way to prevent this is largely to increase the subscription lists of these publications. It has been proposed by the Board to use a cheaper grade of paper, and if arrangements can be made, to publish the inside pages of the large issue of the "Messenger" on the co-operative plan.

The report notes the fact, that on the 1st of January next the term of service of George Gelbach, a member of the Board from this Synod, will expire.

From the Report of the Committee on the Publication of the "Hausfreund," we learn that the number of subscribers to this paper is two thousand one hundred. It is without debt, and has $1,200 on its books, which is counted as good. Thirty dollars of its surplus fund were devoted to Church extension during the past year.

Your Committee beg leave to present the following resolutions:

1.) *Resolved*, That this Synod leave the proposal to publish the "Messenger" on a cheaper grade of paper, as well as the making up of the inside pages of the larger issue on the co-operative plan, to the discretion of the Board.

2.) *Resolved*, That special efforts be made by our pastors and consistories to increase the subscription lists of the different Periodicals published by the Board, as well as that of the "Hausfreund."

3. *Resolved*, That all parties knowing themselves to be indebted to the Board either on Book or Periodical account be urgently requested to liquidate their indebtedness as speedily as possible.

4.) *Resolved*, That Synod suggest to the Board the curtailing of the expenses in editing and publishing the different Periodicals, as far as this can possibly be done, with a view to make the Publication interest at least self-sustaining.

Respectfully submitted.

M. A. Smith,
C. H. Mutchler,
A. F. Zeigler,
Daniel Helm,
Henry Y. Fulmer,
Committee.

The item in the report relating to the vacancy occurring in the Board, was referred to the Committee on Nominations. This Committee reported a double number of candidates from whom to elect one to fill the vacancy. The election was held, and resulted in the choice of George Gelbach, to serve four years from the 1st of January, 1879.

The committee continued by the Synod of last year to co-operate with a similar committee from the Synod of the Potomac, in the preparation of the "Hymns for the Reformed Church of the United States," with music, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued:

Your committee appointed to prepare an edition of the Hymn Book with music, beg leave to report:

That during the Christmas vacation they met at Lancaster, in joint session with the committee appointed for the same end by the Synod of the Potomac, and spent two days in the examination and revision of the selection of tunes made by your committee for all the Hymns from Trinity Sunday to the close of the Book. Since then the committee of the Synod of the Potomac have selected music for the greater part of the Hymns from Advent to Trinity Sunday, and have

sent the result of their work to your committee for examination and revision. Both committees are accomplishing the tasks assigned them as rapidly as possible; and it is hoped that a final Report can be made to the next annual Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. GAST, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk reported, that he had complied with the instructions of Synod in regard to the publication of the Minutes of its last annual sessions. The following resolution was adopted in respect to the publication and distribution of the Minutes of the present sessions:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have seventeen hundred copies of the Minutes of the present sessions duly authenticated, published; twelve hundred in the English and five hundred in the German language, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported two items from the Minutes of the General Synod, relating to the provision made for the appointment of a Commission to be created by the District Synods, looking to the promotion of peace and harmony in the Church; and a recommendation that in the appointment of the delegates to constitute this Commission, due regard be had to a minority tendency, where such may exist. The whole subject was referred to a committee, consisting of the Revs. Isaac K. Loos, John K. Millet, Joseph B. Shumaker, R. Leighton Gerhart, and Elders Jacob G. Brown, Hiram C. Hoover, and Isaac McHose. This committee subsequently reported. Their report was received and discussed, at considerable length, and after sundry amendments, adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the consideration of the election of Commissioners to the proposed Peace Commission, unanimously offer the following as their report:

Resolved 1. That this Synod heartily endorses the action of the General Synod, and herewith puts on record its most cordial approval of the entire Peace Commission movement, and asks for it the prayers of the whole Church.

Resolved 2. That when this Synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet

in annual sessions on the first Wednesday of September, 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman.*

J. K. MILLET,
JOS. B. SHUMAKER,
R. LEIGHTON GERHART,
ISAAC MCHOSE,
J. G. BROWN,
H. C. HOOVER,
} *Committee.*

The Classis of Lebanon, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, overtured Synod to adopt measures to remedy the evil of large charges. This overture was referred to a committee consisting of the Revs. Henry H. W. Hibschman, Daniel B. Albright, John F. Wiant, and Elders William Strohecker and Isaac Fluck. This committee submitted their report. It was received, and after a lengthy discussion, the following paper was substituted for it and adopted:

WHEREAS, The division of large charges is one of the difficult and important questions, which is pressing upon the attention of the several Classes of this Synod, and

WHEREAS, A request of the Lebanon Classis refers the whole matter to Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that no pastor should serve more than four congregations, except in cases where the number of communicant members aggregate less than six hundred.

Resolved, That the several Classes under the care of Synod be requested to appoint a Standing Committee to be called the "Reconstruction Committee," to whom shall be committed this special work.

Resolved, That the Classes of this Synod be directed to carry out this work immediately.

Resolved, That the Committee report to its respective Classes, from time to time, the progress made, and that no pastor or member shall, by word or example, use his influence in any way contrary to the spirit of this resolution.

Resolved, That it is further the sense of this Synod, that no pastor should serve more than six hundred communicants in a town or city congregation, without making proper efforts in the direction of colonization.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod, that no charge should consist of more than six hundred communicants.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to give a deliverance as to what is to be included in the Statistical column headed "Communicants."

This request was referred to a Committee consisting of the Revs. Eli E. Hiester, T. O. Stem and Jacob Kehm, and Elders John Drissel and Jefferson E. Kerschner. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the question as to what the term communicant in the Statistical table implies, begs leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod, that only such members as commune once or oftener during the year, should be accredited as communicants.

ELI E. HIESTER,
T. O. STEM,
J. KEHM,
JOHN DRISSEL.
} *Committee.*

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In the early part of the sessions of Synod, Revs. Daniel F. Brendle, Moses Peters, Alfred Houtz, and Elders Jacob Gorgas and John Reichard, were appointed a committee, through whom all applications for leave of absence shall be presented to Synod. They reported from time to time such applications as were made to them, when in each case the Synod was brought to a direct vote on them.

The following paper, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, was received from the President of the Board of Managers and the Superintendent of the Bethany Orphans' Home at Wormelsdorf, Pa.:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The undersigned respectfully ask leave to lay before your reverend body the following statement of Bethany Orphan Home:

A kind Providence has mercifully guided and helped this Home of the fatherless during the fifteen years of its existence. The past year has again abounded in tokens of divine favor. Our farm, fruit trees, and dairy, have yielded an encouraging increase. The health of the orphans has been unusually good, and their moral conduct and general behaviour better than during any preceding year. It speaks well for the healthfulness of its present location, that since the Home has been removed hither, more than ten years ago, only one death occurred in it,—and that in a family varying from sixty to one hundred souls. During the year the Home received legacies amounting altogether to over $1,700. The total receipts from all sources were

$5,376.78; expenditures $5,556.09, leaving a deficit of $185.31. There remains one more payment of $4,000, due on the Home. In addition to this the Home has a debt of $2,600, contracted for repairs on the farm and for current needs. We regret that the monies received from legacies had to be used to pay the current expenses of the year, instead of applying them to the reduction of the debt. During the year seventeen orphans have left the Home, and six have been admitted. Owing to a want of means we could not admit one-fourth of those which applied. Formerly we had over forty soldiers' orphans, (which yielded us an income of $4,000), now we have only seven. The falling off in the receipts from this source compels us to look to the gifts of the Church for its maintenance. Like other charitable institutions, our Home feels the stringency of the times. Our receipts have fallen off, and we are compelled to turn a deaf ear to the scores of the fatherless which knock at our doors for admission. We have house-room for at least one hundred and fifty children, but can only support fifty. We appeal to the good people of the Church to aid us in enlarging our work. Let pastors press the cause of the orphans to the hearts of their people, and urge the consistories to gather gifts for the Home. A single suggestion on the part of a paper, pastor or friend, may induce pious persons of means to remember the Home in their wills. We entreat you, brethren, give earnest heed to the cry of the orphan, and let not their cause languish for want of prayerful sympathy and support.

Yours truly, B. BAUSMAN, *Pres. B. of Managers.*
D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Superintendent.*

The paper was read, and then referred to a committee, consisting of the Revs. William H. Groh, John S. Stahr, Aaron R. Hottenstein, and Elders Samuel S. Jones and Isaac Bushong. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom the Report of the Board of Managers of the Bethany Orphans' Home was referred, would respectfully report:

The report in the main is encouraging, and calls for gratitude to God that, amid the stringency of the times, the cause of the fatherless has not been forgotten; yet it is to be regretted, that the receipts of the Home have fallen off to such an extent that the Board is obliged, for want of means, to turn a deaf ear to the scores which knock at their doors for admission.

This ought not to be so. It need not be so, if only the proper effort were made by our pastors and people to remedy the evil. Let it be borne in mind, that religion, pure and undefiled, involves all suitable care of the fatherless. We would, therefore, commend anew the cause of the orphans to the prayerful sympathy and support of the Church, and in order that all the people may be reached, we offer for your consideration the following action, viz.:

Resolved, That all our pastors be requested to bring this cause to the attention of their people, and ask their liberal contributions in its behalf. Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. GROH,
JOHN S. STAHR,
A. R. HOTTENSTEIN,
ISAAC BUSHONG,
SAML. S. JONES,
} *Committee*

As reported by the Committee on Overtures, three copies of the last annual Catalogue of Ursinus College were presented to Synod. In reference to this institution, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has learned with pleasure, that Ursinus College is successfully prosecuting its educational work, and commend it to the favorable consideration of the Church.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to receive the Allentown Female College under its care. This request was referred to a committee consisting of the Revs. Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., Darius W. Gerhard, Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher, and Elders William M. Overley and George Meyer. This committee reported. Their report was received, amended and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the request of East Pennsylvania Classis to receive the Allentown Female College under the care of this Synod, respectfully offer the following as their report:

A committee of East Pennsylvania Classis appointed to advocate this petition before Synod, informed your committee, that there are three reasons why this request is made. They hope to gain—

1) The moral support of the whole Synod.
2) An enlargement of the sphere of usefulness of the institution.
3) The financial support of the Synod.

We submit the following preamble and resolution for adoption:

WHEREAS, The Allentown Female College is the only institution within the bounds of this Synod devoted exclusively to the education of our young women, in the name and interests of the Reformed Church; and whereas the institution has already commended itself to the Church by its good management and superior instruction; therefore—

Resolved, That this Synod recognize the Allentown Female College as an institution worthy of the favor and patronage of the Reformed Church, and warmly commends it to the favorable consideration of all our members and congregations.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. H. LEINBACH,
D. W. GERHARD,
E. H. DIEFFENBACHER,
WM. M. OVERLEY.
} *Committee.*

The Committee on Nominations, to whom had been referred so much of the reports of the Trustees of Synod and the Board of Publication, as relates to the filling of vacancies occurring in these Boards; a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, in regard to the vacancies occurring in said Board, and such other nominations as are usually made for the election held by Synod, submitted their report on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions, which was received and adopted. The election was ordered to take place at the opening of the afternoon session of the fifth day of the sessions, and the Stated Clerk instructed to have the requisite number of copies of the Nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the time appointed, the election was held. Revs. Levi K. Derr, J. Calvin Leinbach, Stephen Schweitzer, and Elders Isaac T. Riegel and Herman Mohr, were appointed Tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result, through the President, as found noted in each case, in its appropriate place, except the filling of the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, which resulted in the choice of George Gelbach, Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., and Rev. Samuel G. Wagner.

A communication was received from the Rev. Dr. W. C. Cattell, President of Lafayette College, inviting the members of Synod, in the name of the Faculty, to attend any of the recitations and lectures in said institution, or to visit the buildings and scientific collections, whenever it may suit their convenience. The invitation was accepted, and the thanks of Synod tendered to the President and Faculty, for the favor thus extended to its members.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Amid the widespread feeling of suspicion and disappointment, because of the pressure of the times, this Synod is happy to put upon record the following resolutions:

1. That this Synod expresses its sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the good success attending the sustentation of its various agencies and institutions.

2. That this Synod expresses its satisfaction over the faithful discharge of duty on the part of its agents and trustees.

3. That this Synod urges upon its guardians and conductors of its public operations, and members of its various Boards, to justify still further their name and credit, as well as the good name of the Synod, by curtailing and retrenching the several outlays of our agencies to the safe and sure limits of their resources.

Just before the close of the sessions, the President of Synod, the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D.D., made a few appropriate remarks,

called forth by the circumstances with which he has been at present, surrounded as its presiding officer. In view of the statements made by him, the following preamble and resolution were offered and adopted:

FORASMUCH as divine charity, effected only by the Holy Ghost, can alone produce those heart-changes which are first and most necessary to the proper understanding of all mysteries and knowledge, to the harmonizing of our wills with God's, and to that unity which He will approve and confirm in a lasting peace; be it, therefore,

Resolved, By the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in General Convention assembled, at Easton, Pa., October, A. D., 1878, that the action taken by the Synod of said Church, convened at Hagerstown, Md., October, 1868, in reference to the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, be hereby recalled.

At the solicitation of several members, the venerable Rev. John W. Nevin, D.D., at this point addressed the Synod in a very feeling manner, referring with special emphasis to the present posture of affairs in the Church, and the encouraging prospects which present themselves in regard to its future interests and prosperity.

Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., pastor of the church in which the Synod had convened, took occasion to return the thanks of his congregation, and of the other congregations of the town, and also of the citizens of Easton generally, to the members of Synod, for the kindly influence exerted upon them by their presence, the harmony which characterized their proceedings, and their general intercourse with them. In these sentiments he was heartily joined by Elder Jacob Rader.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the several railroad companies, which have allowed its members to pass over their roads at reduced rates, for the favor thus extended to them.

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of the members of this Synod be tendered to the pastor and consistory of the Third Street Reformed Church, Easton, Pa., for the use of their house of worship, in which to hold its annual sessions; to the members of the Reformed churches and other citizens of Easton, for the very kind hospitality extended to its members, and hereby invoke the special blessing of Almighty God upon them; and also that the Synod recognizes it as a

special favor on the part of James C. Dawes, Esq., Postmaster at Easton, in placing a mail box in the vestibule of the church for the convenience of its members, and affording them other special postal facilities, for which he merits their cordial thanks.

Resolved, That the pastors of the several Reformed churches in Easton be requested to read this resolution from their pulpits, and also have it published in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That this Synod feels itself under special obligation to the Press of Easton for the full and favorable reports of its proceedings they have had prepared by their reporters and publish heir columns.

The Roll was called and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we ad ourn to meet in annual sessions in St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., on the first Wednesday of September, A. D., 1879, at seven and a half o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with the singing of the hymn, "Abide amongst us with Thy grace," tho Lord's Prayer, and the Apostolic benediction by the Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D.

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

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SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Eras. of N.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	4	Ziegel, &c.,	775	660	118		84	5	710	20			60	6	500	4	$435 00	$2,500 00	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
J. Sassaman Herman,	5	Kutztown,	950	450	170	2	41	1	678			2	50	6	430		260 00	8,220 00	Kutztown, Berks do
Cyrus J. Becker,	2	Howertown,	688	594	40	1	20	8	630	6			15	4	400		275 00	450 00	Catasauqua, Lehigh do
Alfred J. Herman,	7	Zion's,	725	295	80		21		570	5			30	7	420		104 00	900 00	Maxatawny, Berks do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	610	400	56		35	6	449	2		1	22	7	250	2	90 00	1,454 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,	506	395	48	1	28		431	6		8	16	1	325		203 00	2,500 00	do do do
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.,	3	Plainfield,	900	650	50		21		500	2			26	4		2	146 00	1,300 00	Nazareth, do do
Wm. R. Hofford,	1	South Whitehall,	215	130	12				165	1			11	3	150		131 00		Allentown, Lehigh do
Abr. Bartholomew,	4	Mahoning,	550	330	107		67		435				22	12		1	122 00	672 00	Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Zion's Ref., Allento'n,	643	394	32		20	12	437	5		40	27	1	354	1	192 00	2,467 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robt. Lisberger,	3	Bushkill Centre,	261	120	40		39		198				16	3	250		15 00	800 00	Bath, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,	4	Jordan,	900	700	82		50		697				44	13		2	302 00		Fogelsville, Lehigh do
Martin A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	825	600	34	1	56	14	500				27	4	350	1	157 00	928 00	Nazareth, Northampton do
Samuel A. Leinbach	3	Egypt,	500	485	47		16		432	7			22	9	380	3	133 00	1,200 00	Coplay, Lehigh do
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	St. John's Ref., Allent.	449	230	16		23	13	350	5		2	8	1	330	1	176 00	2,800 00	114 S. 8th st., Allentown, do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Slatington,	440	265	76		31	5	380	3			17	3	290	1	150 00	1,150 00	Slatington, Lehigh do
Frederick H. Schwartz,		Without charge,																	Bernville, Berks do
Thomas C. Porter, D. D.,	1	3d st. Ref. Easton,	516	355	12	4	21	5	284	6			9	1	371	1	1,394 00	5,649 00	Easton, Northampton do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	1	Salem's Ref., Allent.,	510	300	103	3	90	38	480	12		28	47	1	600	1	156 00	3,620 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Benjamin Weiss,	4	Lenhardtsville,	520	240	54		35	5	410				40	5	230	1	80 00	1,215 00	Lenhardtsville, Berks do
Jared Fritzinger,	1	Christ's Ref., Allent.,	70	100	14		6	25	45	2	2	25	8	1	130		3 00	250 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	2	Kreidersville,	700	575	77		42	3	538	5			45	6	600			1,100 00	Cherryville, Northampton do
Horatio Daniel,		Without charge,																	Nazareth, do do

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Daniel Y. Heisler,	1	Grace Ch., Easton,	74	35	16	2	4	6	67				5	1	96		47 00	900 00	Easton, Northampton Co., Pa.
Thos. N. Reber,	3	Macungie,	650	300	69		29		377				44	6	300	1	97 00	1,100 00	Macungie, Lehigh do
P. A. Schwarz,	1	Tamaqua,	270	175	35		12		175					1	175				Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Tilgham O. Stem,	1	St. Mark's, Easton,	198	105	31	1	21	11	160	3			6	1	240		51 00	1,500 00	Easton, Northampton do
Charles Becker,		Without charge,																	Weissport, Carbon do
Thomas A. Huber,	4	Brodheadsville,	600	450	137		72		500				83	4	350		101 00	1,100 00	Broadheadsville, Monroe do
Joseph E. Freeman,	3	Weissport,	366	225	73	1	46		243			1	27	8	685		53 00	806 00	Weissport, Carbon do
Wm. C. Schaeffer,		Prof. State Nor. Sch.,																	Kutztown, Berks do
John J. Crist,	1	Catasauqua,	128	26	24		9	3	115	1			7	1	100		27 00	204 00	Catasauqua, Lehigh do
C. W. E. Siegel,	6	Hamilton,	265	100	45	1	46		221				19	6	390		36 00	700 00	Sciota, Monroe do
James N. Bachman,	3	Jacksonville,	550	315	63	1	43	2	403	1			24	6	300	1	80 00	900 00	Stony Run, Berks do
H. H. W. Hibshman,	3	Mt. Bethel,	525	278	29	2	33	3	445	3			5	5	300		60 00	1,200 00	Stone Church, North'mpt'n do
J. E. Smith,	3	Moore Township,	500	200	12		30		359				12	5	250				Bath, do do
N. C. Schaeffer,		Prof. State Nor. Sch.,																	Kutztown, Berks do
Supply, I. K. Loos,	1	Rittersville, congr.,	105	90	6				101	2			3	1	50		20 00	160 00	
do N. Z. Snyder,	1	Freemansburg cong.,	145	85	9	1	7	2	115	5		10	6	1	115		41 00	435 00	South Bethlehem, do do
do B. Weiss,	1	Blandon congr.,	115	55	5				90				1	1	60		5 00	125 00	
do J. N. Bachman,	1	Lowhill congr.,	140		2				110							1			
do Dr. Helfrich,	1	Lynntown congr.,	200						155										
do L. K. Derr,	1	Lehighton congr.,	175	160	9		13	8	152				10	1	275			700 00	
do A. J. G. Dubbs,	1	Emaus congr.,	80		7		14	2	72			2	2	1			12 00		
do J. E. Freeman,	1	East Mauch Chunk,	59	95	11		14		37			1					12 00	360 00	
Benjamin B. Ferer,		Licentiate,																	Pleasant Unity, Westmorl'd do
Phson S. Kohler,		do																	Egypt, Lehigh do
William H. Xanders,		do																	Allentown do do
Total, 40.	93		17398	10962	1851	21	1132	177	13216	102	2	120	816	147	10046	24	$5,106 00	$49,365 00	

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J. Sassaman Herman,	5	Kutztown,	950	450	170	2	41	1	678			2	50	6	430		260 00	8,220 00	Kutztown, Berks do
Cyrus J. Becker,	2	Howertown,	688	594	40	1	20	8	630	6			15	4	400		275 00	450 00	Catasauqua, Lehigh do
Alfred J. Herman,	7	Zion's,	725	295	80		21		570	5			30	7	420		104 00	900 00	Maxatawny, Berks do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	610	400	56		35	6	449	2		1	22	7	250	2	90 00	1,454 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,	506	395	48	1	28		431	6		8	16	1	325		203 00	2,500 00	do do do
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.,	3	Plainfield,	900	650	50		21		500	2			26	4		2	146 00	1,300 00	Nazareth, do do
Wm. R. Hofford,	1	South Whitehall,	215	130	12				165	1			11	3	150		131 00		Allentown, Lehigh do
Abr. Bartholomew,	4	Mahoning,	550	330	107		67		435				22	12		1	122 00	672 00	Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Zion's Ref., Allento'n,	643	394	32		20	12	437	5		40	27	1	354	1	192 00	2,467 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robt. Lisberger,	3	Bushkill Centre,	261	120	40		39		198				16	3	250		15 00	800 00	Bath, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,	4	Jordan,	900	700	82		50		697				44	13		2	302 00		Fogelsville, Lehigh do
Martin A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	825	600	34	1	56	14	500				27	4	350	1	157 00	928 00	Nazareth, Northampton do
Samuel A. Leinbach	3	Egypt,	500	485	47		16		432	7			22	9	380	3	133 00	1,200 00	Coplay, Lehigh do
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	St. John's Ref., Allent.	449	230	16		23	13	350	5		2	8	1	330	1	176 00	2,800 00	114 S. 8th st., Allentown, do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Slatington,	440	265	76		31	5	380	3			17	3	290	1	150 00	1,150 00	Slatington, Lehigh do
Frederick H. Schwartz,		Without charge,																	Bernville, Berks do
Thomas C. Porter, D. D.,	1	3d st. Ref. Easton,	516	355	12	4	21	5	284	6			9	1	371	1	1,394 00	5,649 00	Easton, Northampton do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	1	Salem's Ref., Allent.,	510	300	103	3	90	38	480	12		28	47	1	600	1	156 00	3,620 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Benjamin Weiss,	4	Lenhardtsville,	520	240	54		35	5	410				40	5	230	1	80 00	1,215 00	Lenhardtsville, Berks do
Jared Fritzinger,	1	Christ's Ref., Allent.,	70	100	14		6	25	45	2	2	25	8	1	130		3 00	250 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	2	Kreidersville,	700	575	77		42	3	538	5			45	6	600			1,100 00	Cherryville, Northampton do
Horatio Daniel,		Without charge,																	Nazareth, do do

LEBANON CLASSIS—Concluded.

Ministers.	Congs.	Charges.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms Inf'ts.	Baptisms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions. Benev. Purp's.	Contributions. Cong'l Purp's.	Post-office Address.
J. H. Hartman,	1	Trinity Church,	140	90	9		8	3	88				8	1	150		$20 00	$600 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Henry Mosser,	1	First Church, Read'ng,	1,000	800	74	2	46	21	910	12			49	1	672	1	570 25	3,666 97	Reading, Berks do
A. H. Leiss,	3	Shaefferstown,	400	215	24	1	10		128				10	2	150		40 30	300 00	Host, Berks Co., Pa.
J. W. Steinmetz,	1	St. John's, Reading	290	250	50		24	20	260	10			10	1	365		60 00	1,700 00	Reading, Berks do
C. Baum,	1	First Ch., Pottsville,	150	100	26	1	14		151	2	2		3	1	120		17 00	600 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
M. Peters,	1	Hamburg,	300		15		28		234				10	1	175	1			Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.
J. G. Neff,	1	Trinity,																	Shenandoah City, Schuyl. do
J. C. Bucher, D. D.,																			Lewisburg.
L. G. Kremer,		As'nt of F. W. Kremer																	Lebanon, Lebanon do
J. C. Leinbach,		do C. H. Leinbach,																	Stouchsburg, Berks do
David U. Wolff,		do G. Wolff, D.D.,																	Meyerstown, Lebanon do
John H. Leinbach,		do A. S. Leinbach,																	Reading, Berks do
Supply J. W. Steinmetz,	1	Gernant's,	180	60	7				155				2	1	25		3 00	200 00	
do C. H. Mutchler		Monroe Valley,	10	10	3												1 86	20 00	
do do		Bindnagels'	35	20	4	1	12		30					1	15		5 59	30 00	
do G. Wolff, D.D.,	1	Rehrersburg,	125						115	2			6	1			1,9 00		
do C. Baum,	2	Minersville Charge,	120	100	22		9		120	2			4	1	80		1,1 00	500 00	
do J. P. Stein,	1	Grace Ch., Cressona,	100		12		18		80				5	1	125		9 00	350 00	
do by a Committee,	1	Bellview,	25	15	2				18				2				2 00		
do M. Peters,	1	Port Clinton,	15		2		10		15					1	40				
do P. P. A. Hoffman,	1	Shoemakersville,	121	50	11		13		108	2			5	1	35		9 45		
do	1	St. Clair,	60	50					55					1	75				
Vacant,		Miss. S. S. in Reading												3	332			116 13	
Supply J. H. Hartman,	1	St. Peter's,	30	20	10				20				5				6 00	75 00	
do do	1	Christ,	100	70	20		14		80				2	1	70		10 00	75 00	
Licentiate B. F. Biery,																			Orefield, Lehigh do
Adam J. Bachman,	3	Schaefferstown Charge	374	225	25	4			116					1	150				Schaefferstown, Lebanon do
Total, 38.	87		17,807	10,279	1561	41	931	168	14,635	127	6	50	705	110	984 8	16	$5,155 13	$53,508 53	

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John Gring,		Superannuated,																	Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
A. S. Leinbach,	8	Schwartzwald,	1,775	1050	236	3	148	1	1,750	2			84	11	700	1	$122 00	$1,800 00	Reading, Berks do
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	1,000	700	83	5	37	6	625	11			54	2	607	1	486 74	4,504 11	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	2	Jerusalem,	750	460	49		19	10	600	2			33	6	475		50 29	7,722 95	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
Jona. E. Hiester, D.D.,	4	Annville,	450	300	25	1	7	8	354	4	2		13	4	250		272 00	1,200 00	Annville, Lebanon do
Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	1	2d Ch., Reading,	470	300	40	1	17	8	400	2			18	1	335		742 03	2,738 01	Reading, Berks do
T. Calvin Leinbach,	7	Bernville,	1,600	950	138	3	83	12	1,485	6	1		89	20	800		250 00	2,000 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff, D. D..	3	Meyerstown,	900	575	70	1	36	21	750	15		7	24	3	425	3	480 00	1,200 00	Meyerstown, Lebanon do
Benj. Bausman, D.D.,	1	St. Paul's Ref. Ch.,	575	300	41	1	13	17	560	10	1	35	20	1	358	1	434 75	5,377 58	Reading, Berks do
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,	200	80	13	2	2	9	150	3			2	1	160		300 00	2,000 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Chas H. Leinbach, D.D.,	5	Tulpehocken,	1,200	600	82	4	42	14	1,075	8		6	48	5	400	2	300 00	2,000 00	Stouchsburg, Berks do
John P. Stein,	1	Trinity Church, Potts.,	120	70	24		12	2	85				13	1	120		15 00	800 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Eli E. Hiester,	4	Pine Grove,	428	285	51		32		356				5	3	110		37 25	282 50	Friedensburg, " do
Daniel B. Albright,	1	Bethany,	31	29		1	13		31	12				1	54	1	123 25		Womelsdorf, Berks do
Henry A. Keyser,	1	St. Paul's,	500	370	45		34	6	460	4			21	1	370	2	304 00	1,200 00	Mahanoy City, Schuylkill do
C. H. Mutchler,	4	Swatara,	430	350	43		4		367	3			18	4	135		57 00	810 00	Jonestown, Lebanon do
Jno. O. Johnson,	1	St. John's,	248	210	19		15	4	211	4			5	1	260		81 50	1,150 00	Schuylkill Haven, do do
Jas. A. Schultz,		Without Charge,																	Reading, Berks do
Wm. F. P. Davis,	4	Sinking Spring,	1,200	500	70	2	48		1,076	2			60	5	500	1	60 00	5,000 00	Reading, Berks do
Henry Leisse,	6	Orwigsburg,	560	370	55		48		410	2			19	5	360	2	61 00		Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do
G.W.Aughinbaugh, D.D.		Prof. in PalatinateCol.																	Meyerstown, Lebanon do
R. S. Appel,	4	Schartelsville,	845	280	93		57		687	2			30	8	450		69 87	990 28	Hamburg, do
F. W. Dechant,		Without Charge,																	Reading, Berks do
M. S. Fritch,	5	Allegheny,	950	425	68	8	58	6	520	5		2	28	7	400		124 00	4,500 00	do do do

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John G. Fritchey,		Without charge,																	Lancaster City, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John W. Nevin, D.D.,		Retired.																	do do do
William T. Gerhard,	1	Zwingli, Harrisburg,	84		8		5	4	53				4	1	53		$12 00	$,313 00	do do do
Vacant,*	1	1st church, Lancaster,	373	318	24	3	26	10	288	15			14	1	220		233 00	2,437 00	do do do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,	1	St. Stephen's,	57	13	2	1	8	3	103	4				1	75		108 00	137 00	do do do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,		Sup't of Missions,																	do do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Millersville,	293	110	16	22	31	4	235	6			10	3	175		80 00	1,160 00	Millersville, do do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hanover,	231	99	11		8		189	8			3	4			77 00	434 00	Hummelstown, Dauphin do
Thomas G. Apple, D.D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																	Lancaster City, Lancaster do
Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																	do do do
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																	do do do
William H. H. Snyder,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	312	160	8	4	18	16	270	9			3	1	280		480 00	4,002 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Darius W. Gerhard,	4	New Holland,	378	154	10	9	15	2	315	7			11	3	225		162 00	810 00	New Holland, Lancaster do
Joseph B. Shumaker,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	256	125	21	6	7	8	202	8			1	1	225		353 00	2,863 00	Lancaster City do do
Stephen Schweitzer,	6	Reamstown,	600	218	55	5	30	6	535	2			37	5	175	1	84 00	855 00	Lincoln do do
Daniel C. Tobias	4	Bethany,	360	210	20	1	1	6	275	5			12	1	125	1	54 00	851 00	Litiz, do do
John S. Stahr,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																	Lancaster City, do do
Geo. W. Snyder,	1	2d church, Harrisburg,	98	70	3	1	6	9	73	7		5	6	1	180		69 00	536 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Conrad Clever,	1	Columbia,	154	135	25	3	10	6	129	1			2	1	180		65 00	1,000 00	Columbia, Lancaster do
Jonath. H. Pannebecker,	3	Elizabethtown,	203		10	5	7	1	135	2			6	2	155		47 00	870 00	Elizabethtown, do do
Nathan C. Scheaffer		Prs't Keystone N.Sch.																	Kutztown, Berks do
David B. Shuey	2	New Providence,	162	136	12		6	7	142				5	2	235		50 00	697 00	New Providence, Lancaster do
Louis F. Zinkhan,	2	Manheim	122	65	10	6	8	11	108				8	2	247		85 00	675 00	Manheim do do
Allen R. Bartholomew,	1	Hummelstown,	84	65	13	4	11	17	76				2	1	90		40 00	575 00	Jonestown, Dauphin do
	†1	Willow Street,	19		7		7		20				1	1	75		1 00	75 00	
Total, 25.	37		3,786	1,878	255	70	204	110	3,148	74		5	125	31	2,715	2	$2,000 00	$18,290 00	

Licentiate: M. P. Zeller.

*** Supplied by Rev. J.H. Dubbs, D.D., & Rev. J. S. Stahr. † Supplied by Rev. A. B. Shenkle. Received at Annual Meeting, Rev. J. F. Wiant, Lancaster, Pa.**

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Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland, Sch'ylkill C.,	300	240	37	2	32		280				15	1	160		$54 00	$700 00	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Aaron R. Hottenstein.	7	Mahanoy, North'l Co.,	530	390	58		22	1	420	1			14	8	320		155 00	950 00	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
Alfred Houtz,	4	Orangeville,	220	125	12	2	17	1	195	1		2	7	4	115		65 00	700 00	Orangeville, Columbia do
Calvin S. Gerhard,	1	Sunbury,	182	125	19	2	14	7	151	10		3	6	1	157		79 00	1,000 00	Sunbury, Northumb'land Co., do
Tilghman Derr,	6	North Susquehanna,	415	275	47	1	42		352	4			23	6	250		63 00	750 00	Berwick, Columbia do
Henry S. Bassler,		Without Charge,																	Millersburg, Dauphin do
John M. Clemens,	5	Conyngham,	700	360	126	9	98	4	621	5		5	45	5	380		94 65	1,110 00	Conyngham, Luzerne do
William G. Engle,	6	Uniontown,	750	250	71		25	1	450	3			28	6	400		91 19	950 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
Geo. B. Dechant,	4	Catawissa,	440	390	72	2	7		225			2	36	8	510		75 00	865 00	Catawissa, Columbia do
John K. Millet,	3	Paradise,	510	460	21			4	460	5			3	3	320	1	145 00	1,300 00	McEwensville, North'berl'd do
	1	St. Peter's,†	85	60	3				75				4	1	30		10 00	200 00	Shamokin, do do
D. O. Shoemaker,	1	Shamokin,	250	200	37	2	12	9	225	10	1	10	21	1	225		25 00	900 00	do do do
I. E. Graeff,		Without Charge,																	Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., do
J. B. Kerschner,	3	Millersburg,	354	265	28	1	21	13	239	7		6	8	3	279	2	86 00	835 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
	3	Danville,	301	170	17	6	15	5	257	6			12	3	335	1	113 00	930 00	Danville. Montour do
A. S. Stauffer,	3	Berrysburg,	215	120	17		3	2	122	4	1		6	3	210		3 00	388 00	Lykens, Dauphin do
Mahlon H. Mishler,	2	Weatherly,	165	200	44	1	25	15	137				29	2	125		30 00	1,050 00	Weatherly, Carbon do
J. C. J. Kurtz,		Without charge,																	Shamokin, Northumberland do
Z. A. Yearick,	3	Mt. Zion,	451	277	19		24	16	407	7			5	3	228		135 39	1,185 00	Turbotville, do do
Edward D. Miller,	3	Ringtown,	259	218	80	3	39		175				17	3	110		27 00	360 00	Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., do
B. S. Metzger,	6	Deep Creek,	306		13	1	35		239	1			6	5	217		31 90		Heginsville, do do
Walter E. Krebs,	1	Bloomsburg,	102	121	10	1	3		90				12	1	140		30 00	500 00	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
Sol. B. Shafer,	1	Milton,	201	758	8			2	175	6			2	1	175		22 00	1,050 00	Milton, Northumberland Co., do
	4	Augusta,	286	201	33	3	18	1	279				15	6	127		53 00	700 00	
	5	Armstrong Valley, *	241	187	14								6	2	75		3 81	145 00	
	2	Overton,																	
	1	Heller's,‡	101	70	3				71							1	12 00	130 00	
F. K. Levan,	1	Wilkesbarre,	230	200	17				180				4	1	120				
Total, 22.	77		7,594	5,062	806	36	452	81	5,825	70	2	28	324	77	5,008	5	$1,403 94	$16,698 00	

* 2 Congregations supplied by Rev. A. S. Stauffer. † Supplied by Rev. D. O. Shoemaker. ‡ Supplied by Rev. W. E. Krebs.

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Wm. H. Groh,	4	Boalsburg,	283	250	30		16		250	5			13	4	175		$233 00	$951 00	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.
George E. Addams,	3	Mifflinburg,	425	175	14		28	1	362	4			6	3	248		213 00	1097 00	Mifflinburg, Union do
William W. Clouser,	4	White Deer,	300	200	44		23		300	2			25	4	130		40 00	700 00	White Deer Mills, do do
Wm. A. Haas,	5	Selinsgrove,	396	290	25		30	1	369	7			8	4	325		150 00	1000 00	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
William M. Landis,	5	Rebersburg,	265	150	18		25	4	231	4			2	5	200		100 00	4877 00	Rebersburg, Centre do
Hiram King,	2	Bellefonte,	150	95	9		3	9	106	3	2		3	1	85	2	72 00	838 00	Bellefonte do do
Willoughby Donat.	6	Liverpool,	194	200	13		17	10	156	5			5	7	209	1	32 00	817 00	Oriental, Juniata do
J. F. De Long,	1	Williamsport,	215	170	9		12	8	180	7			3	2	200		95 00	950 00	Williamsport, Lycoming do
James Crawford,	2	Lewisburg,	350	220	14		22	8	350				8	2	300	1	168 00	1100 00	Lewisburg, Union do
J. G. Shoemaker,	3	Aaronsburg,	300	200	15		29	6	250	8			9	2	200	1	150 00	1000 00	Aaronsburg, Centre do
George P. Hartzell,	5	Nittany Valley,	269	282	45		12	19	243	3			14	4	185		97 00	2032 00	Walker, Centre do
Abraham Romich,	5	Beaver Springs,	550	400	57		36	3	460	16			31	5	650			650 00	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
Isaac S. Stahr,	2	Lock Haven,	133	93	11		16		105				3	2	110		12 00		Lock Haven, Lycoming do
Stephen S. Kohler,	4	New Berlin,	250	190	10		6		192	2			10	4	160		60 00	550 00	New Berlin, Union do
Samuel M. Roeder,	3	Centre Hall,	265																Centre Hall, Centre do
John Dotterer,		Without charge,																	New Berlin, Union do
David G. Klein,		do do																	Walker, Centre do
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,		Penn Hall Academy,																	Penn Hall, Centre do
Simon Wolf,		Licentiate,																	Lewisburg, do do
Henry Keller,		do																	Boalsburg, Centre do
John M. Evans,		do																	Penn Hall, Centre do
A. B. Caspar,		Superannuated,																	New Berlin, Union do
Total, 22.	54		4,345	2,915	314		275	69	3,554	66	2		140	49	3,182	5	$1,422 00	$15,462 00	

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stu. for M.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	2	New Goshenhoppen,	870	450	55		39	6	835	4			43	2	500	1	$735 00	$566 00	East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	575	300	52		21	4	569				45	4			219 00		Pennsburg, do do
L. Kryder Evans,	1	Trinity Church,	550	395	50		38	4	495	2			17	1	335		215 00	425 00	Pottstown, do do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Boyertown,	760	721	59		19	7	725	5			32	1	130		314 00	1,100 00	Boyertown, Berks do
Lawrence D. Leberman,	4	Pottstown,	880		82		46	2	708	3			27	2	180		127 00		Pottstown, Montgomery do
Simon M. K. Huber.	3	Wenta's,	718	300	40		26	5	565	4	1		29	2	300		147 00		Worcester, do do
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg,	6		35		16	2	525	4			47	4	250		70 00	1,200 00	Oley, Berks do
Eli Keller,	4	Zionsville,	9	400	79		22		650	2			33	5	455	4	221 00		Zionsville, Lehigh do
David E. Schoedler, Sup.,	2	Oley,	4:		25		29		325	3			8	2	200	1	57 00	200 00	Oley, Berks do
Franklin J. Mohr, do	1	Chestnut Hill,	8	65	14			1	75				3	1			18 00	250 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
Lewis C. Herman,		Without Charge,																	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Henry L. Gerhart,		Licentiate,																	Pennsburg, do do
David Y. Schaub,		do																	Hereford, Berks do
Total, 12.	28		6,37[illegible]	631	491		256	31	5,472	27	1		284	24	2,350	6	$2,123 00	$3,741 00	

CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stu. Min'y.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown,	296	145	20	8	22	7	260	9		11	10	2	80		$25 00	$865 00	Hilltown, Bucks Co., Pa.
David Rothrock,	2	Durham,	580	360	38	2	29	5	490	5			20	2	50		273 00	950 00	Durham do do
S. K. Gross,	2	Ridge Valley,	298	116	31			3	272	2		16	13	2	72		18 00	620 00	Schlichters, do do
L. C. Sheip,	1	Doylestown,	123	83	4	3	4		115	1			2	1	100		10 00	600 00	Doylestown, do do
A. F. Ziegler,	3	Keller's,	352	195	37	2	22	5	283	10		17	20	3	137	1	69 00	490 00	Bingen, Northampton do
Jacob Kehm,	2	Indian Creek,	850	500	53	8	56		801	7		35	44	2			160 00	1,300 00	Sellersville Bucks do
Nath. Z. Snyder,	2	South Bethlehem,	230	160	30		12	12	190	2		35	14	2	200		27 00	676 00	S. Bethlehem, Northampt. do
Franklin J. Mohr,	3	Quakertown,	480	300	25	3	25	12	442	3		5	21	3	320		116 00	1,500 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
R. Leighton Gerhart,	1	Riegelsville,	189	107	21		6	2	150	3			6	1	175		106 00	1,227 00	Riegelsville, do do
James G. Dengler,	3	Sellersville,	375	165	17	7	30	8	344			2	8	3	190		91 00	1,050 00	Sellersville, do do
Robt. C. Weaver,	3	Friedensville,	555	265	58				352	1			27	7	175		88 00	907 00	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
G. W. Roth,	3	Tinicum,	362	99	17	6	29	3	274	2		3	6	3	50		69 00	800 00	Point Pleasant, Bucks do
A. B. Koplin,	3	Lower Saucon,	661	355	25		29	5	475	2			13	5	345	1	195 00	1,100 00	Hellertown, Northampt. do
Henry J. Welker,	1	Springfield,	243	113	17			1	145	1			9	1	100		63 00	500 00	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
J. M. Hartzel, do	1	Leidytown,	145	32	4	18	31	7	130	2	4	8	1	2	240		20 00	1,520 00	Chalfont, Bucks do
Brendle & Snyder, Supply,	2	South Easton,	270	160	21		11	4	206			6	5	3	150		37 00	810 00	
Henry J. Welker, do	1	Springtown,	50	20	4		6		38					1	81		12 00		Coopersburg, Lehigh do
Koplin & Dengler, do	1	Lansdale,	23			7	15		23										
Total, 15.	36		6082	3175	422	64	327	74	4990	50	4	138	219	43	2465	2	$1,379 00	$14,915 00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms. Adults.	Baptisms. Infants.	Additions. Confir'd.	Additions. Certifi'te.	Commun'd.	Excom.	Erased.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.	Contribu's Local Obj.	Stud'nts for the Min.
East Pennsylvania,	40	93	17,398	10,962	21	1,851	1,132	177	13,216	2	120	102	816	147	10,046	$5,106	$49,365	24
Lebanon,	38	87	17,807	10,279	41	1,561	931	168	14,635	6	50	127	705	110	9,848	5,155	53,509	16
Philadelphia,	30	22	3,311	851	85	131	204	114	2,774		25	52	52	24	2,419	2,045	12,763	
Lancaster,	25	37	3,786	1,878	70	225	204	110	3,148		5	74	125	31	2,715	2,000	18,290	2
East Susquehanna,	22	77	7,594	5,062	36	806	452	81	5,825	2	28	70	324	77	5,008	1,404	16,698	5
West Susquehanna,	22	54	4,345	2,915		314	275	69	3,554	2		66	140	49	3,182	1,422	16,562	5
Goshenhoppen,	12	28	6,379	2,631		491	256	31	5,472	1		27	284	24	2,350	2,123	3,741	6
Tohickon,	15	36	6,082	3,175	64	422	327	74	4,990	4	138	50	219	43	2,465	1,379	14,915	2
Total, 8 Classes,	204	434	66,702	37,753	317	5,831	3,781	824	53,614	17	366	568	2,665	505	38,033	$20,634	$185,843	60
Synod of Ohio, 12 Classes,	162	340	24,560	11,307	464	1,496	1,607	737	19,592	19	403	268	541	253	20,134	7,032	80,870	23
Synod of the North West, 9 Classes,	132	202	16,459	13,048	9	1,627	989	762	13,185	111	11	230	482	164	9,692	7,980	58,032	18
Synod of Pittsburgh, 5 Classes,	52	113	10,157	7,746	41	806	685	244	8,745	1	83	122	244	97	6,333	5,937	48,045	13
Synod of the Potomac, 6 Classes,	125	255	26,064	15,759	159	1,394	1,120	601	22,598	6	22	301	611	232	14,889	9,450	81,825	29
Eastern German Synod, 5 Classes,	39	36	7,709	5,183	18	1,436	544	345	6,862	63	65	85	327	36	5,173	4,196	51,769	5
Grand Total, 6 Synods, 45 Classes,	714	1,380	151,651	90,796	1,008	12,590	8,726	3,513	124,596	217	950	1,574	4,870	1,287	94,254	$55,229	$506,384	148

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Elders.—David S. Raber, John F. Orth,[b] Edward L. Killmer, Philip Riser[c] and William F. Hoffman.[b]

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.—John H. A. Bomberger, D.D.,[d] David E. Klopp, D.D., J. Samuel Vanderslost, Daniel Feete and Henry M. Kieffer.[e]
Elders.—William Brownback,[f] Richard W. Eastlack, Jacob C. Weikel, William K. Gresh and Abraham Schwenk.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.—John A. Peters, Joseph B. Shumaker, D.D., David B. Shuey and Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.[d]
Elders.—Abraham Mader,[f] John H. Kurzenknabe,[f] Jefferson E Kershner,[b] and Henry Gast.[b]

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.—Walter E. Krebs, Zwingli A. Yearick, John K. Millett[2] and David O. Shoemaker.[2]
Elders.—Jacob R. Hilbush, John R. Haas, John Hoof and Tilghman D. Strause.[4]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.—John F. De Long and Isaac S. Stahr.
Elders.—Philip Frederick,[f] Edward Smith[b] and Jonas Hoy.[1]

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.—Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., and Lucian J. Mayer.
Elder.—Tobias G. Hange.[3]

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Ministers.—Abraham B. Koplin, Nathaniel Z. Snyder and R. Leighton Gerhart.[2]
Elders.—William Walters and Josiah W. Leidy.[3]

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[c]Was succeeded on the day of the sessions by the *secundus* Rev. John P. Stein.

[d]Was succeeded on the fifth day of the sessions by the *secundus* Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.

[e]Took his seat on the second day of the sessions, prior to which it was occupied by Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.

[f]Obtained leave of absence on the fifth day of the sessions.

OCEEDINGS

Church in the United States at its
anon, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania,
n the year of our Lord One Thousand
ty-Nine. The Sessions commenced on
d closed at noon on the ninth of the month.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

of the Synod were opened with singing and prayer,
ent, the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D.D., prior to
eached a sermon from Revelation ii. 7: "*He that hath*
him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.—Samuel G. Wagner, Isaac K. Loos, N. S Strassrger,[b] Henry H. W. Hibschman, Thomas C. Porter, D.D., and fred J. G. Dubbs.[a]
Elders.—Thomas Faust, Reuben H. Kramm, Henry J. Young, cob J. Hoffman,[2b] and Owen Romig.[2b]

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers.—George Wolff, D.D., Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., ıron S. Leinbach, John O. Johnson, Charles H. Leinbach, D.D., ɜnry A. Keyser and Benjamin Bausman, D.D.[2b]

☞ The figure at the end of the name, indicates the day of the sessions on ich the delegate took his seat.
[a] Obtained leave of absence on the second day of the sessions.
[b] Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the sessions.

Elders.—David S. Raber, John F. Orth,[b] Edward L. Killmer, Philip Risser[f] and William F. Hoffman.[2b]

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.—John H. A. Bomberger, D.D.,[d] David E. Klopp, D.D., J. Samuel Vandersloot, Daniel Feete and Henry M. Kieffer.[e]

Elders.—William Brownback,[f] Richard W. Eastlack, Jacob C. Weikel, William K. Gresh and Abraham Schwenk.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.—John A. Peters, Joseph B. Shumaker, D.D., David B. Shuey and Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.[d]

Elders.—Abraham Mader,[f] John H. Kurzenknabe,[f] Jefferson E Kershner,[2b] and Henry Gast.[2b]

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.—Walter E. Krebs, Zwingli A. Yearick, John K. Millett[2] and David O. Shoemaker.[2]

Elders.—Jacob R. Hilbush, John R. Haas, John Hoof and Tilghman D. Strause.[4]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.—John F. De Long and Isaac S. Stahr.

Elders.—Philip Frederick,[f] Edward Smith[b] and Jonas Hoy.[1]

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.—Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., and Lucian J. Mayer.

Elder.—Tobias G. Hange.[2]

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Ministers.—Abraham B. Koplin, Nathaniel Z. Snyder and R. Leighton Gerhart.[2]

Elders.—William Walters and Josiah W. Leidy.[2]

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[c]Was succeeded on the day of the sessions by the *secundus* Rev. John P. Stein.

[d]Was succeeded on the fifth day of the sessions by the *secundus* Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.

[e]Took his seat on the second day of the sessions, prior to which it was occupied by Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D.

[f]Obtained leave of absence on the fifth day of the sessions.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present during one or more of the sessions:

From the East Pennsylvania Classis. Rev. Thomas N. Reber, Levi K. Derr, Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Abraham Bartholomew.

From the Classis of Lebanon. Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., J. Calvin Leinbach, Abraham R. Bartholomew, George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., C. H. Mutchler, John P. Stein, John Gring, Mahlon Peters, Thomas C. Leinbach, William F. P. Davis, Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D., Daniel B. Albright, Henry Leisse, Henry Mosser.

From the Classis of Philadelphia. Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., and George H. Johnston.

From the Classis of Lancaster. Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., George W. Snyder, William H. H. Snyder, and Elders, Daniel W. Gross and William H. Seibert.

From the East Susquehanna Classis. Rev. Edward D. Miller, Benjamin S. Metzger.

From the Goshenhoppen Classis. Rev. Simon K. Huber.

From the Synod of Pittsburgh. Rev. Frederick Pilgram.

From the Synod of the Potomac. Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D., Elnathan E. Higbee, D.D., Jacob D. Zehring.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Rev. George H. Trabert.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced at different intervals during the sessions.

From the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, Mr. Long and G. J. Mertz.

From the Evangelical Church. Rev. J. C. Hornburger.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., was chosen *President.*

Rev. John O. Johnson was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., is *Stated Clerk.*

J. J. Nissley was re-elected *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the first eight pews from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions:

The *Morning session* to open at 9 and close at half past 11 o'clock.

The *Afternoon session* to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

An evening session was held on the fifth day of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod:—Revs. Samuel G. Wagner, Aaron S. Leinbach, Daniel Feete, and Elders William Walters and Philip Risser.

Overtures:—Revs. George Wolff, D.D., Henry H. W. Hibschman and Isaac S. Stahr, and Elders John F. Orth and William K. Gresh.

Correspondence with Sister Churches:—Revs. Joseph B. Shumaker, D.D., Henry A. Keyser and Zwingli A. Yearick, and Elders Henry J. Young and Edward L. Killmer.

Minutes of Classes:—Revs. N. S. Strassburger, Benjamin Bausman, D.D., Lucian J. Mayer, Nathaniel Z. Snyder and David B. Shuey, and Elders Jacob R. Hilbush and Richard W. Eastlack.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination:—Revs. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., Abraham B. Koplin, and Elders Abraham Mader and Reuben H. Kramm.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports:—Revs. John K. Millett, Charles H. Leinbach, D.D, and John F. De Long, and Elders David S. Raber and John H. Kurzenknabe.

Theological Seminary:—Revs. Walter E. Krebs, Benjamin Bausman, D.D., and Thomas C. Porter, D.D., and Elders Edward Smith and John Hoof.

Missions:—Revs. John O. Johnson, Alfred J. G. Dubbs and Aaron S. Leinbach, and Elders William Brownback and Abraham Mader.

Finance:—Revs. John A. Peters, Walter E. Krebs and Henry A. Keyser, and Elders Reuben H. Kramm and Henry J. Young.

Nominations:—Revs. David E. Klopp, D.D., Lucian J. Mayer, Nathaniel Z. Snyder, and Elders Jacob C. Weikel and Thomas Faust.

Publication:—Revs. Isaac K. Loos, J. Samuel Vandersloot and Abraham B. Koplin, and Elders Abraham Schwenk and Philip Frederick.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1.) The Minutes of the Classes of East Pensylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna,

Goshenhoppen and Tohickon were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

2.) The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3.) The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, was received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance.

4.) The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

5.) The Minutes of the last Annual Sessions of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

6.) The other documents received were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Sessions was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted their Report, which was received, taken up item by item, amended, and adopted. The report, as amended, is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod report the following items of unfinished business:

Item 1, p. 11. Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., was appointed Delegate *Primarius*, and Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., Delegate *Secundus* to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Item 2, p. 28. Synod's recommendation to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary to increase its Endowment Fund, and to pay Rev. Dr. Gast's salary in full.

Item 3, p. 39. A reference of the work of organizing Mission churches in Florida to the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

Item 4, p. 40. Synod's recommendation to the several congregations within its bounds to organize auxiliary Missionary Societies.

Item 5, p. 40. All the congregations and Sunday-schools are earnestly encouraged to contribute statedly to the cause of Missions.

Item 6, p. 41. Synod's recommendation to the Executive Com-

mittees of the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United States and Ursinus Union, to make early efforts to harmonize their several Home Missionary agencies, together with the request that the Rev. Dr. Franklin W. Kremer, Chairman of the Committee on Missions, report the result to the present meeting of Synod.

Item 7, p. 47. The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the deficiency of Synod into the General Synod's Treasury.

Item 8, p. 47. A resolution of Synod, directing the special attention of the several Classes to the action of the General Synod in regard to the Peace movement, and advising that special prayer be offered in behalf of the Peace Commission to be appointed.

Item 9, p. 48. A resolution of Synod requesting the several pastors, through the Classes, to prepare a sketch of the origin and history of their congregations.

Item 10, p. 49. Instructions to the Corresponding Secretary to forward the recommendation of the Sunday-school Board of the Synod of the Potomac, as to the propriety of publishing a Sunday-school Monthly, to the Reformed Publication Board at Philadelphia.

Item 11, p. 50. The election of one member of the Sunday-school Board, created by Synod at its last session, in place of Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., whose term expires at this meeting of Synod.

Item 12, p. 55. Report of Committee appointed to prepare an edition of Hymns for the Church with music.

Item 13, p. 56. Synod's instructions to the Stated Clerk in regard to the publication of its Minutes.

Item 14, p. 56. The Election of Commissioners to the Peace Commission proposed by the General Synod.

Item 15, p. 57. Synod requests the several Classes to appoint a Standing Committee on Reconstruction of Charges.

Item 16, p. 60. Synod requests the several pastors to bring the cause of the Orphans' Home to the attention of their people.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. WAGNER,
A. S. LEINBACH,
D. FEETE,
WM. WALTERS,
PHILIP RISSER,
} *Committee.*

For the Report of the delegate referred to in item 1, see Article IX. Correspondence with Sister Churches. For the result of the action reported in item 2, see Article XIII. Theological Seminary; on items 3 and 6, see Article XIV. Missions; on items 4, 5, 8, 9, 15, and 16, see Article X. Minutes of Classes; on item 7, see Article XV. Finance; on item 11, see Article XVIII. Sunday Schools; on items 12 and 13, see Article XIX. Publication; and on item 14, see Article XX. Church Government.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was taken up item by item, and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures offer the following as their report:

Item. 1. A Communication from the President of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Item 2. A letter from a member of the Sunday-school Board of the Synod of the Potomac, asking Synod to take some action looking to the improvement of the Sunday-school Lesson Papers.

Item 3. A private communication from the Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Potomac, bearing the official seal, calling the attention of this Synod to the misspelling of several names in the published Minutes of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. WOLFF, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXI. Miscellaneous; on item 2, see Article XVIII. Sunday Schools, and on item 3, see Article XIX. Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following Report was received from the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches beg leave to offer the following report:

A copy of the Minutes of the One Hundred and Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, held in Salem Lutheran Church, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, was the only document placed in our hands. We learn from this document, that your delegate, Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Johnston, attended the meeting of the Ministerium, and also that Rev. G. H. Trabert was appointed delegate to this Synod.

Your Committee finds the following record in these Minutes: "Dr. Fry offered the following resolution, which was, on motion received, and action postponed until next year.

"*Resolved,* That the custom of appointing delegates annually to other Synods be discontinued, excepting the New York Ministerium, with which this Ministerium holds special relations; and

that delegates to other Synods be appointed only when special occasion or business demand it."

Respectfully submitted.

JOS. B. SHUMAKER, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from the delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and adopted:

Your delegate appointed to convey the friendly greetings of this Synod to the German Evangelical Lutheran Mini-terium of Pennsylvania, which met in Lebanon, Pa., June 7, 1879, begs leave to report:

That he attended to the duty assigned him, and that his greetings were responded to by the Rev. Dr. Schaeffer, President of that body.

THOS. S. JOHNSTON.

Lebanon, Pa., Sept. 4, 1879.

Rev. John A. Peters was elected delegate *primarius*, and the Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D.D., delegate *secundus*, to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Rev. George H. Trabert, delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, appeared on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions, and was admitted to a seat as a Corresponding Member. He laid on the table of Synod a copy of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of the Ministerium, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches. He, at the same time, availed himself of the opportunity to tender the fraternal greetings of the body he represented to this Synod, to which the President of Synod properly responded.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, amended and adopted. The report, as amended, is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully report as follows:

I. Irregularities.

1. The Classis of East Pennsylvania failed to open its annual meeting with a sermon, as required by the Constitution..

2. The Classis of Lebanon failed, in like manner, to begin its annual meeting with a sermon.

3. The same Classis failed to mention in its Minutes the election of delegates to Synod.

4. The same Classis failed to act on the subjects referred to the Classes by the General Synod.

5. The same Classis failed to specify the year of its next regular meeting.

6. The same Classis failed to certify that its Minutes, forwarded to Synod, are an official copy.

7. The Classis of West Susquehanna admitted all its elders without credentials.

8. The Minutes of the Classis of Tohickon furnish no evidence, that its first session was opened with religious services.

9. The same Classis received four elders without any credentials.

10. The same Classis simply noted that two Reformed ministers of other Classes were present, instead of receiving them as advisory members.

11. The Classes of East Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen and Tohickon failed to certify that the reports on the State of Religion, forwarded to Synod, are official copies.

II. Requests.

1. The Classis of East Pennsylvania requests Synod to establish another Classis, by directing the ministers dismissed by said Classis for that purpose, to meet in Salem's Reformed Church, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension day, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for organization.

2. The Classis of Lebanon requests a deliverance on the question whether an Elder, who has been licensed to preach the gospel, can hold his seat as an Elder during the remainder of its sessions.

3 The same Classis requests Synod to include Bethany Orphans' Home in its apportionments for benevolence.

4. The Classis of Philadelphia requests Synod to release it from the balance of Missionary assessment for this year, and from the deficiencies of the past years.

5. The same Classis requests Synod to release it from the assessment of $90.00 for the Sinking Fund, and take into consideration its peculiar circumstances in making its other apportionments for benevolence.

6. The Classis of Lancaster requests the Synod to have its full quota of the Minutes of Synod sent to it.

7. The Classis of Tohickon requests Synod to consider the propriety of transferring the publication interests of our Church into the hands of private individuals.

III. Subjects Referred to Classes by Synod.

All the Classes took favorable action on the several subjects referred to them by Synod, except the Classis of Lancaster, which

failed to act on the interest of the Orphans' Home and on the recommendation of the Synod, that prayer be offered to Almighty God in behalf of the Peace Commission during its sessions.

And the Classis of Philadelphia, which neglected to take action on the cause of Bethany Orphans' Home, and on the request of Synod "that all our congregations and Sunday-schools be earnestly encouraged to contribute statedly to the cause of Missions;" the same Classis also declined to acquiesce in the action of Synod touching the re-construction of large pastoral charges, and postponed the whole subject indefinitely.

IV. Licensures, Ordinations, Dismissions, and Receptions.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania licensed Nathan W. A. Helfrich, and William Maybry; dismissed the licentiate W. H. Xanders to the Classis of Zion, Synod of Potomac; the licentiate Phaon S. Kohler and Rev. William C. Schaeffer to the Classis of East Susquehanna.

The Classis of Lebanon licensed Thomas S. Land and John J. Fisher; ordained David U. Wolff, Adam J. Bachman and Thomas S. Land.

The Classis of Philadelphia licensed J. Huston Bomberger and Albert R. Thompson; ordained licentiate Levi D. Stambach; received Rev. Hiram King from the Classis of West Susquehanna; dismissed Rev. Joseph Hunsberger, to the Classis of Tiffin, Synod of Ohio, and licentiate Albert R. Thompson to the Classis of Lancaster.

The Classis of Lancaster licensed Thomas J. Hacker; ordained licentiate Josiah P. Mohr; received Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard from the Classis of East Susquehanna, dismissed Rev. Conrad Clever to the Classis of Maryland, and the licentiate Thomas S. Hacker to the Classis of East Susquehanna.

The Classis of East Susquehanna received Rev. William C. Schaeffer from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, licentiate Thomas J. Hacker from the Classis of Lancaster, and Sebastian C. Meckel as a licentiate from the Methodist Episcopal Church: dismissed Rev. Mahlon H. Mishler to the Classis of Mercersburg, Rev. Isaac E. Graeff to the Classis of East Pennsylvania and Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard to the Classis of Lancaster.

The Classis of West Susquehanna licensed Franklin W. Brown and Simon P. Brown; ordained Samuel M. Roeder, and Sidney S. Kohler; received Rev. Adam C. Whitmer from the Classis of Mercersburg; dismissed licentiate John M. Evans to the Classis of Clarion, Rev. Geo. E. Addams to the Classis of Zion, licentiate Henry Keller to the Classis of Iowa (English), Rev. John Dotterer to the Classes of Westmoreland and Rev. Hiram King to the Classis of Philadelphia.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen licensed Percy Y. Shelly and David M. Christman.

The Classis of Tohickon licensed Silas F. Laury; dismissed Rev. William R. Yearick to the Classis of West Susquehanna, and licentiate Silas F. Laury to the Classis of Zion; and received Rev. Henry F. Seiple from the Classis of Mercersburg.

V. Time and Place of Meeting.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania will meet in annual sessions in Plainfield Church, Northampton County, Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension day, 1880, at 2 o'clock, P. M., Rev. Levi K. Derr, President, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Stated Clerk.

The Classis of Lebanon will meet in annual sessions in the Reformed Church of Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Daniel B. Albright, President, and Rev. John P. Stein, Stated Clerk.

The Classis of Philadelphia will meet in annual sessions in East Vincent Reformed Church, Chester County, Pa., on June 4th, 1880, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. George H. Johnston, President, and Rev. John H. Sechler, Stated Clerk.

The Classis of Lancaster will meet in annual sessions in the Reformed Church of Quarryville, Lancaster County, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, May 20, 1880, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, President, and Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, Stated Clerk.

The Classis of East Susquehanna will meet in annual sessions in Georgetown, Northumberland County, Pa., on the first Wednesday after Whitsunday, 1880, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. A. Hautz, President, and Rev. W. E. Krebs, Stated Clerk.

The Classis of West Susquehanna will meet in annual sessions in Rebersburg, Centre County, Pa., on the third Wednesday in May, 1880, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. W. Clouser, President, and Rev. W. A. Hass, Secretary.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen will meet in annual sessions in the Limerick Reformed Church, Montgomery County, Pa., on Friday after Whitsunday, 1880, at 2 o'clock, P. M., Rev. D. E. Schoedler, President, and Rev. L. J. Mayer, Stated Clerk.

The Classis of Tohickon will meet in annual sessions in Indiana Creek, Montgomery County, Pa , on the first Friday in June, 1880, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. J. G. Dengler, President, and Rev. N. Z. Snyder, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted.

N. S. Strassburger,
B. Bausman,
L. J. Mayer,
N. Z. Snyder,
D. B. Shuey,
J. R. Hilbush,
R. W. Eastlack,
} *Committee.*

The judgment of the Committee in regard to the several item reported as irregularities, was approved.

For the action of Synod on Requests Nos. 1 and 2, see Article XX. Church Government; on Request No. 3, see Article XXI. Miscellaneous; on Requests Nos. 4 and 5, see Article XV., Finance, and on Requests Nos. 6 and 7, see Article XIX. Publication. The remaining items in the report were approved.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The following report was received from the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, and adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination respectfully report:

That no cases have been presented for their consideration.

THOMAS C. PORTER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report was received from the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports and adopted:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—By the kind and adorable Providence of God, another Synodical year, with its varied labors, enjoyments and sorrows, has been brought to a close. We praise Thee, O God, that as ministers and elders in the Church of Christ, we have not only been protected and preserved, but have been permitted to share so largely in Thy loving-kindness and tender mercies. The merciful continuation of our lives is evidence, that God, upon whom we are so absolutely dependent for all things, has still further work for us to do in the several spheres, in which He has called us to labor. The intercessory prayer of Christ still ascends for us: "I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil." Here, then, let us raise our Ebenezer, and say: "Bis hieher hat der Herr uns geholfen." The constraining power of divine love ought to inspire us with a renewed determination to undertake and accomplish whatever we yet lack.

"Walk about Zion, and go ronnd about her; tell the towers

thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following." The reports that have come up to Synod from the different Classes, indicate a very commendable and encouraging measure of real Church prosperity; they contain so many items of good tidings from the churches, that we cannot set them forth in detail, but must content ourselves with giving a general survey of the religious condition of our pastoral charges.

The precious promise: "Lo! I am with you alway," has again been verified in the experience of pastors and people during the past Synodical year. The stately steppings of the Lord of hosts were heard in our sanctuaries, and His rich blessing descended upon the labors of His servants in the administration of the Word and Sacraments.

Christ has been preached as "The Way, the Truth and the Life" —as the Alpha and Omega of the whole order of nature and grace. The eternal verities of our undoubted Christian faith have been faithfully proclaimed. Men have been taught that faith in Christ —cleansing by His atoning blood and renewing by the Holy Ghost, are the essential necessities of the soul, for which the Gospel makes abundant provision for all. The ordinances and sacraments were administered, as the means by which the infinite love and grace of Christ were made to confront men and bring them into contact with the powers of the world to come.

All the reports which come up to this Synod greeting, utter their unanimous testimony, that our people have, in this way, been edified, strengthened, and comforted.

The labors of God's husbandmen have not been in vain. They have sowed the seed of the pure word of life in the morning, and have not withheld their hands in the evening. If some of this seed did fall by the wayside, some on stony ground, and some among thorns, bringing no fruit to maturity, the sower is not responsible, nor has the seed lost its vital principle.

At the baptismal font a very large number have received the sign and seal of their gracious adoption among God's elect, and have thus been added to the membership of the Church. Many children, young men and maidens, throughout our spiritual domain, have been instructed in the doctrines of our Catechism, and brought to a true recognition of their baptismal obligations. Many of these have pressed to their altars, presenting themselves as living sacrifices of thankfulness—dedicating themselves in confirmation to the Lord in body, soul and spirit, and are now numbered with the sacramental host, and partake of the emblems of our Lord's body and blood.

It is gratifying, and we have good reason to bless God and take courage, when we take into consideration the marked increase during the year of our confirmed membership.

Moreover, the impenitent have been warned—the ignorant have been instructed—the careless and straying have been brought back

to the fold—and the true Christians have been rooted and grounded in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

The reports throughout note an increased attendance upon public worship and the weekly prayer-meeting; a deeper appreciation and more devout use of the means of grace, and an advance among our people in personal holiness.

But, whilst all the reports represent a healthy condition of the churches under our care, and all express devout gratitude to God for the results reached, yet they also give expression to sorrow and deplore the fact, that some among their people have only a name to live, deceiving themselves by resting upon the formalities of the Christian religion; with no love for its inner power and glory—with no Christ dwelling within to actuate, sanctify and save. The communions are reported as largely attended; in some instances, the number of communicants being the largest ever reported in the history of single congregations. From this we may infer, that the number of mere nominal members in our churches is decreasing.

The Sunday-schools are reported as in a flourishing condition. This cause has, perhaps, as it deserves, received a larger measure of attention during the past year than in any previous year of our Church history. There is beginning to prevail a deeper apprehension of the true nature and design of this auxiliary institution of the Christian Church. It is now very generally regarded, as occupying an intermediate position between the Christian training of children in the family and catechetical instruction under the pastor—as the nursery of the lambs of the flock, and thus, standing in the most intimate relations to the Church.

In addition to the hopeful and promising features of all our Classical reports, we may also make mention of the fact, that we have now, what we may call for the first time, a missionary of our own in foreign lands. Our efforts and prayers in this direction have thus far been crowned with God's benediction; and it is to be hoped, that this good work, so auspiciously begun, and so full of promise for the future, may waken renewed devotion throughout our Church, to the cause which is dear to every Christian heart, and prove a centripetal power to unite and harmonize us in our efforts to plant the Reformed banner in heathen lands, and in sustaining and strengthening the hands and heart of our foreign missionary in his blessed work of preaching the Gospel to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Surely, here is a work vast and grand enough to unite all our hearts, to enlist all our sympathies, and call forth our earnest and united prayers and activities as a Church.

The amount of our benevolent contributions is considerable. If the figures are not as large as they have been in some instances in former years, yet bearing in mind that during the last five years the real purchasing value of a dollar has almost doubled, representing now the expenditure of double the amount of time, muscle and

brain, the increased liberality of our people is at once apparent. Still, it is to be lamented, that, whilst our Church privileges are great, and many are being added to the Church, our Christian benevolence has not been displayed according to the measure of our ability.

Many of our members are only too slow to realize the blessed privilege of presenting themselves in body, soul and spirit—in *property* and life to the service of their divine Lord. Many of our enterprises are sadly crippled on account of this.

It becomes our sad duty also to chronicle the death of two of our ministers: Rev. William S. Sorber and father George Leidy.

These brethren lived in the faith and died in the Lord, and are now, we believe, among the blessed number composing the great cloud of witnesses, looking down upon us from the heavenly world.

In conclusion, we cannot but refer to a very pleasing feature presented in all the reports. The spirit of peace, unity and charity has taken hold of our ministry and churches. Former conflicts and disagreements are vanishing in the united efforts to carry forward practical Church work.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem"—"They shall prosper that love Thee."

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. MILLETT, *Chairman.*

Lebanon, Sept. 8th, 1879.

[For Statistical Reports, see Appendix.]

The following religious services were observed during the sessions of Synod:

1.) The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious services.

2.) Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., Franklin W. Kremer, D.D., and Elder David S. Raber, were appointed, early in the sessions, a Committee on Religious Services, who reported at intervals their several appointments, which were approved. Their report, as finally adopted, is as follows:

Committee on Religious Services present the following as their report:

THURSDAY EVENING.

St. John's Reformed Church. Rev. J. O. Johnson.

FRIDAY EVENING.

St. John's Reformed Church. Sunday-school Discussion. "Defects in the prevailing Sunday-school system," Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D. "Worship in the Sunday-school," Rev. W. E. Krebs.

"Government and Discipline in the Sunday-school," Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D.

SATURDAY EVENING.

St. John's Reformed Church. Preparatory Service, Sermon by Rev. J. A. Peters. Altar Service, Rev. S. G. Wagner.

SUNDAY.

St. John's Reformed Church. 10.15 A. M., Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D.D.; Altar Service, Rev. Theo. Appel, D.D., and Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D.

2 P. M. Sunday-school Service, with the Schools of First Reformed and St. John's Church, Dr. F. W. Kremer, to preside. Addresses by Revs. H. M. Keiffer, J. A. Peters and R. L. Gerhart.

7 P. M., Sermon by Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D.

First Reformed Church.—10 A. M., German, Rev. I. K. Loos.
7 P. M., Rev. S. G. Wagner.

Zion's Lutheran Church.—10 A. M., Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.
7 P. M., Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

Methodist Episcopal. — 7 P. M., Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D.

Trinity U. B. Church. —10 A. M., Rev. J. F. De Long.
7 P. M., Rev. J. K. Millett.

Chestnut St. Evangelical.—10 A. M., Rev. N. S. Strassburger.

Eighth Street Evangelical.—10 A. M., Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.
7 P. M., Rev. Daniel Feete.

Moravian. — 7 P. M., Rev. H. M. Keiffer.

Myerstown. —Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D.D.,
Rev. H. H. W. Hibschman.

Mount Zion and Klopps.—Rev. A. B. Koplin.

Annville. —Rev. W. E. Krebs.

2d Reformed Reading.—Rev. J. O. Johnson.

MONDAY EVENING.

Missionary Addresses.—Home Missions, Rev. Theo. Appel, D.D.
Rev. S. J. Vandersloot.
Foreign Missions, Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D.D.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. JOHNSTON,
F. W. KREMER,
D. S. RABER. } *Committee.*

The several religious services provided for in the above report were duly observed.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a.) Report of Board of Trustees.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Brethren: Inasmuch as the time for the meeting of Synod is fixed this year much earlier than usual, the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary respectfully represent, that they cannot make their usual annual report of the state of the finances at this time, owing to the fact, that the bulk of our investments pay interest semi-annually in April and October. We ask permission, therefore, to hand our *Financial* report to the Stated Clerk after the adjournment of Synod, and that he be directed to incorporate it in the published minutes of Synod.

At the last annual meeting of Synod, we were directed to pay Rev. Frederick A. Gast, D.D., a salary of $1,000 per annum for the current and preceding year, but Synod failed to provide the means to meet this increased expenditure.

We have determined to pay the three professors in the Seminary a percentage of their salaries, until such time as Synod places the amount of funds in our hands to pay them in full. As Trustees of the fund you have placed under our care, we do not know what other course to pursue; but, at the same time, feel that the action of Synod places the professors and the Board in very unpleasant positions.

The Seminary is the property of Synod. It needs at least $600 per annum more than its present income to pay its current expenses. Either its expenses must be reduced, its income must be increased, or you must direct your Board to use of the principal of the endowment fund to meet this excess of expenditures over receipts.

Is not this deficit a legitimate item of contingent expenses of Synod, and should it not be met as any other item of contingent expenses is met?

It is the province of Synod to devise ways and means to carry forward its own institution. As your Board, we will try to use the funds placed in our hands as prudently and as faithfully as we can, but we do not feel warranted in using of the principal of the endowment fund to pay current expenses, without the direct order of your venerable body. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*
EDW. J. ZAHM, *Rec. Secretary.*
JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

LANCASTER, PA. Sept. 3d, 1879.

The following is the statement of the Treasurer referred to in the above report:

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

1878.		DR.		
Oct. 16.	For Int. W. E. Schmertz to Jan. 1, 1878			$30 00
" 18.	For F. A. Gast Salary Fund act			5 00
" 23.	For Int. J. Heyser to Oct. 1, 1878			120 00
" 23.	"	Kieffer Legacy, Oct. 1, 1878	285 00	
" 23.	"	Cook " "	25 00	
				310 00
Dec. 6.	"	Rev. J. W. Love to Nov. 1, 1878		6 00
" 27.	"	On Loan		20
1879.				
Jan. 24.	"	Geo. Besore to Jan. 1, 1879		37 50
" 25.	"	Geo. Sarbaugh on act		90 00
" 28.	"	Loan		6 00
Feb. 3.	"	Geo. Housewirth on act		50 00
" 8.	"	Geo. Schroyer to Feb. 8, 1879		105 00
" 28.	"	Jno. Becker to Feb. 28, 1879		240 00
March 10.	"	Geo. Carbaugh to Oct. 1, 1878		120 00
" 18.	"	on Loan		2 23
" 29.	"	Mrs. C. Geiter to April 1, 1879		9 65
April 1.	"	A. B. Wingerd, "Horst Mort." to April 1, 1879		116 04
" 1.	"	Geo. Sarbaugh on act		90 00
" 2.	"	E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1879		307 26
" 2.	"	Henry Herr in full		60 00
" 28.	"	Geo. S. Griffith to Jan. 1, 1879		30 00
" 29.	"	Tohickon Classis to May 31, 1879		9 43
" 29.	"	Rev. G. B. Dechant on act		30 00
May 1.	"	E. Susq. Classis to Jan. 1, 1878		30 00
" 5.	"	Kieffer Legacy to Ap. 1, 1879	285 00	
" 5.	"	Cook " Ap. 1, 1879	35 00	320 00
" 5.	"	Jacob Heyser to April 1, 1879		120 00
" 6.	"	W. E. Schmertz to Jan. 1, 1879		30 00
" 10.	"	W. Susq. Classis on act		9 80
" 13.	"	On Loan		50
" 15.	"	A. B. Wingerd to Ap. 1, 1879	35 41	
" 15.	"	Mr. Zeller, per A. B. W., to Ap. 1, 1879	150 00	185 41
June 3.	"	Lebanon Classis to June 30, 1879		30 00
July 9.	"	Mercersburg Classis to July 1, 1879		60 00
" 12.	"	Harrisburg Bridge Co. Stock		5 10
" 22.	"	E. G. Smith to July 22, 1879		26 77
Aug. 4.	"	Geo. Housewirth, Aug. 3, 1879		70 00
" 7.	"	Geo. Schroyer to Aug. 8, 1879		105 00
" 14.	"	W. L. Harbaugh to Aug. 13, 1879		36 00
" 26.	"	W. Susq. Classis on act		4 54
" 27.	"	Rev. C. U. Heilman to Aug. 25, 1879		26 00
" 28.	"	East Penna. Classis to Oct. 1, 1879		30 00
" 28.	"	John Becker to Aug. 28, 1879		240 00
Sept. 2.	"	Tohickon Classis in full		89
" 3.	"	Zion's Classis to May 1, 1879		60 00
" 15.	"	John Souders in full		5 43
Oct. 14.	"	A. B. Wingerd on act		200 00
" 20.	"	John B. Roth on act		213 67
" 10.	"	on Building Fund received to date		669 64
" 20.	"	Bal. due Treasurer to date		995 59
				$5248 65

1879.
Oct. 20. Amt. due Treasurer..... $995 59

1878. CR.

Oct. 1.	By Bal. due Treasurer per act. rendered	$1109 37
" 5.	" Cash paid for Wood	5 00
" 25.	" Repairs at Dr. Gerhart's house	6 55
Nov. 4.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on act. of Salary	200 00
" 4.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., "	200 00
" 4.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., "	100 00
" 9.	" Repairs at Dr. T. G. Apple's house	4 20
" 12.	" " " "	2 46
" 12.	" " " "	4 80
" 25.	" " Dr. E. V. Gerhart's "	1 25
Dec. 21.	" T. G. Apple, Salary to Jan 1, 1879	175 00
" 21.	" E. V. Gerhart, Salary to Jan. 1, 1879	175 00
" 21.	" F. A. Gast, Salary to Jan. 1, 1879	100 00
" 30.	" Shertzer & Co., Repairs at Dr. Apple's	2 00
" 30.	" " " Dr. Gerhart's	2 25
" 30.	" " Ruby Furnace at Dr. Apple's	150 00
1879.		
Jan. 8.	" Janitor's Services to Jan. 1, 1879	50 00
Feb. 8.	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart, on act. of Salary	150 00
" 8.	" Dr. T. G. Apple, "	150 00
" 8.	" F. A. Gast, bal. due him to Oct. 1, 1878, as per action of Synod at Easton	150 00
Mar. 14.	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart, on act. of Salary	50 00
" 24.	" Dr. T. G. Apple, "	150 00
Ap. 8.	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart "	100 00
" 8.	" Janitor's Services to April 1, 1879	50 00
" 30.	" Dr. F. A. Gast, on act. of salary	100 00
May 12.	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart "	200 00
" 15.	" Dr. T. G. Apple, "	200 00
June 14.	" Repairs at Dr. Gerhart's	1 50
" 16.	" Dr. E. V. Gerhart, on act. of Salary	150 00
" 16.	" Dr. T. G. Apple, "	150 00
" 16.	" Dr. F. A. Gast, on act. of Salary	100 00
July 3.	" Janitor's services to July 1, 1879	50 00
" 19.	" E. V. Gerhart, on act. of Salary	100 00
" 22.	" E. G. Smith, Att'y, Services and Ex	13 77
" 26.	" F. A. Gast, on act. of Salary	200 00
" 23.	" Repairs at Dr. Gerhart's	50
" 28.	" Dr. T. G Apple, on act. of Salary	100 00
Aug. 28.	" Int. paid on Klopp Legacy to Oct. 1, 1879	40 00
" 28.	" Envelops and Postage Stamps	5 00
Sept. 3.	" E. V. Gerhart on act. of Salary	200 00
" 3.	" T. G. Apple, "	200 00
" 3.	" F. A. Gast, "	200 00
Oct. 1.	" J. B. Roth, Treasurer, Salary	100 00
" 16.	" Janitor's Services to Oct. 1, 1879	50 00
		$5,248 65

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's account and compared his vouchers, find it correct.

I. H. KIEFER.
WILLIAM A. WILT.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 6, 1879.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1878. DR.

Amount of Principal.....$2069 96

October 1.	For	Bal. due per act. rendered.....	$101 1[illegible]
" 7.	"	Int. A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, 1878.....	24 5[illegible]
" 15.	"	Int. Philip Fisher to April 1, 1878.....	30 0[illegible]
" 23.	"	Int. John Miley to April 1st, 1877.....	30 0[illegible]
1879.			
April 2.	"	Int. E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1879.....	15 0[illegible]
May 15,	"	Int. A. B. Wingerd to April 1st, 1879.....	24 5[illegible]
			$225 31

1878. CR.

Oct. 18.	By amt. paid	J. M. Stoddart & Co., bill.....	$6 00	
" 25.	"	S. H. Zahm & Co., bill.....	5 55	
Nov. 12.	"	A. E. Harrison, bill.....	2 50	
Dec. 7.	"	S. H. Zahm & Co., bill.....	8 62	
1879.				
Jan. 13.	"	J. H. Roffe & Co., bill.....	12 00	
" 23.	"	Inq. Printing Co. and P. O. Stamps....	5 00	
Feb. 12.	"	F. W. Christern, bill.....	5 45	
March 1.	"	Adams Exp. Co. charges.....	70	
" 17.	"	Inq. Printing Co., Catalogues.....	16 33	
April 4.	"	W. H. Ray, bill.....	4 80	
May 9.	"	A. Bendel, bill.....	1 40	
" 9.	"	S. H. Zahm & Co., bill.....	21 38	
" 23.	"	J. M. Stoddart & Co., bill.....	6 00	
" 23.	"	F. W. Christern, bill.....	3 50	
July 23.	"	F. W. Christern & Exp. charges.....	5 30	
Aug. 22.	"	A. Bendel, bill.....	5 40	
Sept. 13.	"	Leary & Co.....	1 48	
Oct. 14.	"	S. H. Zahm & Co.....	29 25	
" 20.	"	Bal. in hands of Treas.....	84 65	
				$225 31

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* SMALTZ FUND.

Amount of Principal.....$5000 00

1878. DR.

Oct. 12.	To Int. received to Oct. 1, 1878.....	$150 0
1879.		
April 4.	To Int. received to April 1, 1879.....	150 0
Oct. 11.	" " Oct. 1, 1879.....	150 0
		$450 0

1878. CR.

Oct. 1.	By Bal. due Treas. to date	$6 61		
" 15.	By amt. paid F. A. Dreisbach, No. 1 order	100 00		
" 15.	" T. A. Fenstermaker, No. 2 order	50 00		
1879.				
April 5.	" F. A. Dreisbach, No. 3 order	75 00		
" 5.	" T. A. Fenstermaker, No. 4 order	10 00		
Sept. 5.	" F. A. Dreisbach, No. 5 order	58 39		
Oct. 14.	" T. A. Fenstermaker, No. 6 order	50 00		
" 20.	" F. A. Dreisbach, No. 7 order	45 00		
" 20.	" Bal. in hand	55 00		
			$450	00

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* BUILDING FUND.

1878.			
Oct. 1.	Amount reported to Synod	$12,271	05
1879.			
Aug. 29.	Amount received of Rev. N. Z. Snyder	25	00
		$12,296	05

Lancaster, Oct. 20th, 1879.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* PITTSBURGH PROF. FUND.

1878.			
Oct. 1.	Amount reported to Synod	$1718	30

No increase.

Lancaster, Oct. 20th, 1879.

JOHN B. ROTH. *Treasurer, in account with* ENDOWMENT FUND.

1878.			
Oct. 1.	Amount reported to Synod	$64,487	81
Nov. 25.	" received on act. of $81 00 paid to Rev. F. K. Levan for benefit of Theological Seminary by the "Mansdale congregation" of the Danville charge, and retained by him	20	78
		$64,508	59

Lancaster, Oct. 20th, 1879.

The undersigned auditing committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

I. H. KIEFER.
WILLIAM A. WILT.

Harrisburgh, Pa., Nov. 6th, 1879.

b.) Report of the Board of Visitors.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Respected Brethren: The Board of Visitors takes pleasure in reporting, that the divine favor has continued to rest on our school of the prophets.

The sessions of the Seminary were opened on the first Thursday in September, 1878, and continued throughout the year without interruption.

The following nine persons were admitted into the Seminary at the opening of the year as members of the Junior class: Albert A. Black, Thomas A. Fenstermacher, Edwin A. Gernant, Cosmos H. Herbst, Newton J. Miller, Cyrus J. Musser, John W. Rauch, Calvin S. Slagel, Joshua Walbach. All are regular college graduates, with the exception of one, who was admitted on the basis of the Partial Course. Six are graduates of Franklin and Marshall, one of Mercersburg and one of Muhlenberg College.

The Faculty commends the industry, moral habits and Christian character of the students, and reports that the moral tone of the institution compares favorably with that of previous years. Their attendance was good. Several of them, however, were under the necessity of absenting themselves during a part of the time, and were excused by the Board. One taught school, another supplied a missionary congregation, and another had to give up study for a time, on account of the condition of his eyes. The examinations at the end of the year were satisfactory and regarded as an advance on those of the previous year.

The following persons, members of the Senior class, seven in number, having pursued the course prescribed in the Seminary, and sustained a creditable examination, were dismissed and recommended for licensure: Robert C. Bowling, Simon P. Brown, W. Wilberforce Deatrick, Maximilian Dumstrey, Thomas J. Hacker, Thomas S. Land, Silas F. Laury. All but one, have entered upon the active duties of the ministry.

During the past year, the Secretary of the Board was requested to prepare a digest of the Rules and Regulations of the Seminary, as adopted from time to time. They were revised and amended, and a copy was ordered to be recorded in the minutes of the Board. Such as were omitted are no longer regarded as binding. The Board, for the sake of convenience, directed that the charter of the Seminary should be published in next year's catalogue.

We do not think it necessary at this time to direct attention to the great importance of the Seminary to the prosperity of the Church. We simply refer to what has been said in former reports, in this respect. It will continue to need the sympathies, the prayers and the help of the Church, in order that it may perform aright its

great work, and enlarge the sphere of its operations. We must have laborers properly prepared for the harvest, and especially at this time, when the Church is engaged in much inward struggle to do her part in building up missions and in extending the kingdom of Christ in the world. In order to carry out her divine impulses, she will continue to need from year to year a supply of men, thoroughly trained and fully up to the demands of the age in culture and preparation for their work.

For what has been done by the Board, acting as a Board of Education, we refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer hereto annexed. Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Board of Education of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer.

CR.

By balance in Treasury, Oct. 25th, 1878	$223 10
By cash received from the Classis of Lebanon	160 00
" " Philadelphia	40 00
" " West Susquehanna	196 42
" " Tohickon	316 50
Dividends in Harrisburg Bank	22 50
Interest on Klopp Legacy	40 00
	$998 52

DR.

To cash paid beneficiaries Lebanon Classis	$160 00	
" West Susquehanna	230 25	
" Tohickon Classis	314 42	
" General Board	150 00	
Expenses of President of the Board	0 93	
" Treasurer of the Board	4 28	
Balance in Treasury	138 64	$998 52

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing documents had been referred, submitted their report. The report was received, taken up item by item, and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom were referred the Report of the Board of Visitors, the Report of the Board of Education and the Report of the Trustees, respectfully report,

That our Theological Seminary is in its usual flourishing condi-

tion, as regards the number and industry of students, and efficiency and faithfulness of professors. It continues to challenge the prayers and help of the Church. Its financial condition, however, is not such as to meet its yearly wants. In addition to its present annual income, it needs the sum of six hundred dollars to pay the salaries of the Professors and meet its current expenses. To use the principal of the endowment fund to make up this deficiency, would be suicidal. We, therefore, recommend the following resolutions as embodying the only means of relief requisite for the emergency:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be and are hereby directed to pay the Professors in the Seminary a percentage of their salaries until such time as Synod may be able to pay them in full.

Resolved, That the several Classes be, and are hereby directed to appoint some particular time for each pastor to take up a collection in his charge to meet this deficiency for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That similar action be recommended to the Synods of Pittsburgh, and of the Potomac.

The *Financial Report* of the Board of Trustees not being ready for this meeting of Synod, on account of its meeting so early in the season, we recommend that the Stated Clerk be authorized to incorporate it in the published minutes.

Respectfully submitted.

W. E. KREBS, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.

Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Edward J. Zahm, Charles Santee, John Heilman, Owen L. Schreiber, John B. Roth, George W. Hensel, Aaron G. Renninger, William E. Schmertz, William J. Baer, Thomas J. Craig, Adam B. Wingerd, William A. Wilt, Louis Markell, Henry Wirt, Isaac H. Kieffer, and Henry M. Cocklin, members of the former Board, were all continued.

Board of Visitors.

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D, Amos H. Kremer, D.D., Charles H. Leinbach, D.D., Samuel G. Wagner, Charles F. McCauley, D. D., Theodore Appel, D.D., Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., John M. Titzel, W. R. Humphrey Deatrich, Joseph H. Apple, and Thomas C. Porter, D.D., members of the former Board were all continued.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following annual report was received from the Board of Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

TO THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren: We herewith transmit to your reverend body the Reports of the Superintendent of Missions and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. These reports contain all the information deemed necessary to be communicated at this time.

J. O. MILLER,
President of Board of Missions.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
Secretary.

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to the Synod of Pittsburgh, and to the Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—By the merciful providence of God, the Superintendent of Missions was raised up from the attack of sickness, from which he suffered a year ago, and permitted, with returning strength, to discharge the responsible duties of his office during the course of the year. It is with gratitude to God, the author of all good gifts, that he now presents this, his second annual report of the condition of the missions under the care of the Board in the different States of the Union, embracing the territory more particularly under the supervision of the Synods herein addressed. The work committed to our hands as a Church has not been without manifest signs of the divine favor. As far as it has been prospered, we ascribe all honor to the one Great Shepherd of the flock, in whose service we have been called as fellow-laborers.

Pennsylvania.

Grace Church, Easton.—Members, 75; Baptisms, 13; Confirmations, 4; Sunday-school Scholars, 100. The Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition. Amount contributed to benevolent purposes, $12; for local objects, $450. Church property valued at $3000, with a small debt, which will no doubt be removed at no distant day. The congregation is making a gradual progress, with no immediate prospects of becoming self-supporting. It is, however, doing a useful and necessary work, and deserves the assistance which it has been thus far receiving. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler. Appropriation last year, $200, with some additional assistance from Classis; New appropriation, $150.

Christ's Mission, Allentown.—This mission purchased a church building during the past year for $1500, upon which $300 has been paid. The balance is to be paid in annual instalments of $200 each, which, it is believed, will not be too much for the congregation, the pastor not receiving any salary from his people. This step, a wise and judicious one, has had a salutary effect upon the members, whilst it has made a favorable impression on the community, who now regard this enterprise as giving promise of perma-

nence. Business in the neighborhood of East Allentown is reviving, and the prospects of the mission are regarded as more encouraging than for a number of years past. Members, 90; Baptisms, 13; Confirmations, 14; Sunday-school Scholars, 157; Benevolence, $15.13; Local objects, $350; Appropriation hitherto, $300; Appropriation for the coming year the same, to which the Classis proposes to add a small amount. Pastor, J. Fritzinger.

Catasauqua.—This mission has been suffering from a burden of heavy debt for a good while. During the past year this difficulty culminated in the sale of the church building, which is now held by one of the original creditors, without, however, interfering with its use by the congregation. In these trying circumstances, the members have remained faithful in the discharge of their duties, and the spiritual interests of the congregation have not suffered. It is earnestly hoped, that, in the course of the year, they may again be able to secure possession of their own house of worship. It is believed the severe trials of the congregation will be overruled for good. Members, 90; Baptisms, 18; Sunday-school Scholars, 170; Benevolence, $34; Local objects, $190; Appropriation last year, with help from Classis, $300; Present year, $300. Pastor, J. J. Crist.

St. John's, Reading.—Members, 305; Baptisms, 40; Additions, 29; Sunday-school Scholars, 325; Attendance at church, good; Benevolence, $30; for local objects, $1,300. This congregation has continued in its prosperous course, and its prospects now are better than they were one year ago. It has a valuable church property worth over $20,000, on which, however, a heavy debt is still resting, which occasions both pastor and people much anxiety. Thus far it has not proved a burden too heavy to be borne. It has been managed with much prudence. The amount redeemed during the year was $300. With the return of prosperity in business and work for the members of the church, most of whom are poor in this world's goods, the congregation will make greater strides in prosperity, and gradually become self-supporting. The pastor, J.W. Steinmetz, has much hard work to perform, in which he is sustained by warm hearts among his own people, and in the sister churches of the city. Appropriation last year, $300; This year, $250.

St. John's, West Philadelphia.—The health of the pastor of this church, which was seriously threatened one year ago, was providentially restored, and, at the earnest request of the people, he was prevailed on to remain and continue his labors among them. This had a happy effect on the congregation, and seemed to give it a new impulse to strengthen the things that remained. From observations made on the ground, the Superintendent felt justified in regarding this as one of our most hopeful missions. The church property is valued at $10,000, upon which there is some debt, the interest on which, together with the current expenses and various projected

improvements about the church, is taxing somewhat heavily the strength of the congregation, and calling forth its liberality. Its prospects of becoming self-supporting at no distant day are good. Members, 80; Additions since last October, 19; Baptisms, 6; Sunday-school Scholars, 70; Attendance on the services of the sanctuary, good; Appropriation last year, $300; This year, $300. Pastor, J. Samuel Vandersloot.

Second Church, Harrisburg.—This mission has a good house of worship worth $7,000, with a convenient lecture-room attached to it, the debt on which is now nearly liquidated, $80 having been paid on it during the past year. The Sunday-school is large and flourishing, with 220 scholars. It has a missionary society on the apostolic plan, in which the old and young take a deep interest. It was one of the first formed under the recommendation of the Board. Members, 104; Baptisms, 7; Benevolence, $60; Local objects $500; Appropriation last year, $250; This year, $250. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—This is an exclusively German mission. During part of the past year it was served by Rev. Frederick Fox, after his return from San Francisco. Owing to the gloomy condition of the congregation in view of its indebtedness, and for other reasons, he has recently withdrawn from the field, and it is at present vacant. The property is worth at least $5,000, on which there is an indebtedness of $2,000, which, as it seems, has been found difficult to manage. Members, 50; Baptisms, 4; Additions, 2; Sunday-school disbanded; Benevolence, $4; Local objects, $250; Appropriation last year, $300. Vacant.

Columbia.—This congregation has been pursuing a prosperous course for a number of years past. During last winter, the pastor, Rev. C. Clever, was called to another field of usefulness. His resignation was followed by serious difficulties, which threatened at one time to undo the labor of years. Fortunately the storm passed away, and the trouble, which threatened to distract the congregation for years to come, was adjusted in a truly Christian manner. Its prospects are encouraging, as in years gone by. It is believed that this affliction, which was for a season, will be overruled for good, and help to consolidate the congregation better than it was before. Peace and harmony prevail, and a general desire exists to build up on the true foundation, which is Jesus Christ. Members, 157; Baptisms, 21; Additions, 7; Sunday-school Scholars, 170; Benevolence, $45.73; Local objects, $931; Appropriation last year, $50; This year, $150. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard.

Wilkesbarre.—Communicants, 275. Additions since October last by baptism, 38, by confirmation, 27, and by certificate, 25. Sunday-school Scholars, 160, a gain of 35. Collected for benevolent purposes, $25, for local purposes, $550. The original cost of the church was $13,000. The debt is $6,000, of which $3,000 will

be cancelled during the coming year, a part having been thus cancelled already. The mission is making progress, and is gaining the confidence of the community. It is German and English united. The question of language has thus far created no difficulty. Both classes of people worship in the same church in harmony and peace. The missionary extends his labors in the Wyoming Valley, and preaches at points where congregations may be organized at some future time. There is room for extending the Church further in this part of the State. Appropriation last year, $400; This year the same. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven.—This mission has made substantial progress during the past year, which is so much the more encouraging, in view of the deplorable condition in which it had come to be involved a few years ago, when the present pastor took charge of it. With the help of Classis, it has secured for itself a house of worship of its own, upon which a debt is still resting, which, however, is not oppressive to the congregation. The building cost only $2,200. In a few years, after some repairs are made to it, it will be worth much more. The pastor and people are willing to trust in the Lord for the future, as with His blessing many difficulties, which seemed insurmountable, have vanished in the past. Members, 57; Baptisms, 6; Additions, 7; Sunday-school Scholars, 80; Benevolence, $6; Local purposes, $264,61; Indebtedness liquidated since October last, $206; Appropriation last year $300; This year, $300. Pastor, Isaac S. Stahr.

Wilkinsburg and East Liberty.—Both of these missions suffered severely from the depression of the times, and found it difficult to meet current expenses and interest on heavy church debts. There was, as a consequence, a feeling of discouragement among the members, which was adverse to the growth of the congregations. Under these circumstances, it was thought best to unite the two missions, as they are not far apart, and allow them to be served by one pastor. They cordially united upon the Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, after the two former pastors had resigned. This arrangement has proved satisfactory. It has relieved them of a part of their financial burden. They are better able now to meet their pecuniary obligations, and a general feeling of encouragement and hope has sprung up, which augurs well for the future. Mr. Knappenberger entered upon his duties in January last, and receives an appropriation of $550, the amount given to the two former pastors. Members, 90; Sunday-school Scholars, 120. There is an indebtedness upon both of the churches. The indebtedness on the church at Wilkinsburg was reduced during the past year.

Orbisonia.—This mission has been growing and doing well during the year. Many of the people are poor, but they are faithful to Christ and His Church, showing that they appreciate the kindness of the Church in extending help to them, by the interest they take in their congregations. During the past year, a new church cost-

ing $800, was erected and paid for. Congregations, 3; Members, 106; Baptisms, 14; Additions, 14; Sunday-school Scholars, 85; Benevolence, $47; Local objects, $307. A debt of $350 resting on one of the churches has been nearly provided for. Appropriation last year, $150; This year the same. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford County.—Congregations, 3; Members, 132; Baptisms, 11; Additions, 5. The church and parsonage at Mann's Choice is worth $2,700. The debt is small. Benevolence, $33; Local objects, $357. The pastor reports, that he is at present engaged in establishing missionary societies, for which the people seem to have been prepared. The mission is making a gradual progress, and gaining the confidence and respect of the community. Appropriation last year, $200; This year, 200. Pastor, William A. Gring.

Chambersburg.—Since the missionary left this congregation more than a year ago, it has been served by the pastor at Chambersburg, Rev. W. C. Cremer, by appointment of Classis. In this way the spiritual interests of a small body of Germans have been provided for. This arrangement is probably the best that could be made for them. There are no indications that it will grow in numerical strength in the immediate future as a German church.

Duncannon.—Members, 125; Baptisms, 7; Additions, 14; Sunday-school Scholars, 150; Benevolence, $50; Local objects, $200; Value of church property, $2,300. The Classis of Zion paid $1,100 and the congregation $200 for the removal of the remaining debt on the church. Attendance good, and the congregation encouraged in their work. Prospects of becoming self-supporting, good. Appropriation last year, $300; This year, 250. Pastor, U. Henry Heilman.

First Church, Allegheny City.—This mission had been without a pastor and without preaching for more than a year. At the meeting of the Allegheny Classis at Pittsburg last spring, after a careful examination into its affairs, it was found to be in a truly deplorable condition. Still, it was not considered to be without hope, and the Classis authorized the Superintendent to supply it temporarily with the services of a missionary with the view of ascertaining whether anything could be done to resuscitate it and place it on a better foundation. The licentiate, Rev. Robert C. Bowling, was selected for this purpose, and he took charge of the mission for a period of two months. His labors have been satisfactory, and the prospects now are that the congregation will recover itself, and that, if assistance can be extended to it for a while, it may yet be raised above impending difficulties, and be made a prosperous congregation. In view of these facts, the Board, at its recent meeting, commissioned Mr. Bowling as missionary at Allegheny city, with the former appropriation of $400.

Shenandoah.—Members, 200; Baptisms, 25; Additions, 35; Sunday-school Scholars, 220; attendance good. Value of church

property, $3,000. The debt, which has been considerably reduced during the present pastorate, is at present about $2,000. Amount paid for local purposes, including pastor's salary, $500. The prospects of becoming self-supporting are encouraging. The principal difficulty in the way seems to be the large amount of indebtedness. The appropriation last year was $300, which has been made up by one or two congregations, an example much to be commended; Appropriation this year, $300. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

Johnstown.—There was a Reformed congregation at this place several years ago, but the church was sold and the congregation was disbanded. Very few of the members, however, surrendered their church connections. Their number, in fact, was increased by additions from other churches in the surrounding country. Upwards of forty members of our Church were found in the town, who desired the services of a minister of their own faith. The Rev. William H. Bates, whose charge is contiguous, was requested to take charge of this interest and serve it as missionary for the present. The prospects of this new mission are good. It may perhaps need some aid in the future. It is promising. Mr. Bates does not receive any appropriation.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—This congregation was organized in January last, with nine members. Its present number is 22, thirteen having been confirmed at Whitsuntide. The Sunday-school, made up principally of the children of the poor, is prosperous and doing a good work. It numbers 125 scholars. Thus far this mission has been worshipping either in an engine house or a school-house, neither of which was a suitable place for worship. This difficulty, it is expected, will be removed before long. An effort is at present in progress to erect a chapel yet this fall, subscriptions for which have been received, amounting to something over $1,200. The mission was taken under the care of the Board in December last, but the pastor had taken charge of it in April, a year ago, without any visible means of support, except in his own resources, sustained by faith in God. He receives an appropriation from the Board of $300, and such other aid from his congregation and the other churches in the city, as is needed for his temporal support. Pastor, Jacob F. Wiant.

Overton, Bradford County.—This charge was formerly under the care of the Board, but had been vacant for a number of years past. The members hungering for the bread of life have been exerting themselves to secure a pastor, in which the Superintendent has assisted them. They have united on the licentiate, Phaon S. Kohler, who is now laboring among them with acceptance, and with good prospects of success. He has just formed a large class of catechumens. The services on Sunday are encouraging. Thus far he serves only two congregations, and a preaching point at Dushore. There are two other small congregations in the neighbor-

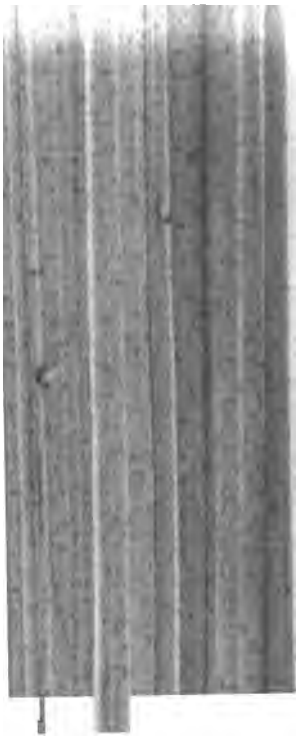
hood of Dushore, which have not as yet entered into the arrangement with the other two, but may still do so. Members thus far reported, 105; Sunday-school Scholars at Overton, 80. Appropriation not yet determined. Church property worth about $900.

Latrobe.—The congregation at Latrobe during the year was detached from several country congregations, and placed under the care of the Board as a mission, by the recommendation of the Board of Missions of the Synod of Pittsburgh. It was believed that it needed more pastoral labor, and that, under this new arrangement, it would grow more rapidly, and in a few years become self-supporting. The pastor reports that facts thus far do not encourage that view of the case, although the charge has been making encouraging progress during the present pastorate. Members, 80; Baptisms, 9; Additions, 14; Sunday-school Scholars, 55; Church Property, $4,000; Debt, $1,800; Benevolence, $50; Amount paid for local purposes, $350; Appropriation, $200. Pastor, G. D. Gurley.

Mansfield.—An independent German congregation at this place applied to the Classis of Allegheny last spring to be received into the Reformed Church, and requested the services of the Rev. Charles Knepper as their pastor. The request was granted, provided certain conditions were first complied with, and in that event, the Executive Council voted an appropriation of $50.

Trinity Mission, York County.—About ten months ago the Rev. W. H. Xanders was appointed by the Council to labor as missionary in the town of York, and at other places in the neighborhood without an appropriation. He has organized a new congregation at Glenrock, served an organized congregation at New Freedom, and has several preaching places, one of which is Trinity chapel in York, where congregations may be organized in the course of time. The prospects of the mission are represented as encouraging. Members, 50; Baptisms, 2; Confirmations, 7; Sunday-school Scholars, 250; Church property worth about $700; Amount collected for local purposes, $275.

Sharon.—The Sharon charge in Mercer county was taken under the care of the Board as a mission, in accordance with the request of the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod. Its pastor had the charge of it for a number of years without the necessary support. He had to depend on the help of his friends to keep his family. The congregation was also involved in financial difficulties, which interfered with its prosperity. Accordingly, help was extended to it to the amount of $100, which was thankfully received, and proved to be of material account in encouraging pastor and people. Since the congregation came under the care of the Board, it has been doing well. Members, 135; Additions, 22; Value of church property, $4,000; Appropriation for coming year, $100. Pastor, F. P. Hartmetz.



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Winchester.—The statistics of this mission, as compared with those of previous years, show an encouraging degree of progress. Congregations, 2; Outposts, 2; Members, 129; Baptisms, 3; Additions, 17; Sunday-school Scholars, 85; Value of church property, $7,700; Debt on parsonage, $675, was reduced $225, during the year; Benevolence, $33; Local objects, $567. The affairs of this congregation are conducted with a commendable degree of system and economy. It is being gradually strengthened by emigration from the North, and is doing a useful work in the Valley of Virginia. It will need help from the Church a few years longer. Appropriation last year, $300; This year, $250. Pastor, Charles G. Fisher.

Middlebrook.—The two congregations constituting this mission, under the Rev. A. J. Whitmore, became self-sustaining during the year. The pastor, believing that he could strengthen and still further consolidate his charge, as well as occupy several important missionary points in the vicinity, resigned, and a call was extended to his brother, Rev. S. L. Whitmore, who became the pastor in June last, and has encouraging prospects of usefulness before him. Additions during the year, 17; Baptisms, 11; Sunday-school Scholars, 117. Mr. Whitmore has entered upon his new field of labor with true missionary zeal. He preaches at three points, at one of which a new congregation is to be organized, and a new church erected before long. Appropriation for the new mission. $150.

Delaware.

St. John's, Wyoming, Kent Co.—Members, 85; Baptisms, 4; Additions, 15; Sunday-school Scholars, 100; Value of church property, $2,000; Debt, $250; Benevolence, $24.65; Local objects, $375,17. The missionary reports that services were held during the season of Lent, and every evening during holy week. The Easter communion was the largest ever held in the history of the congregation. The interest in these services drew many nearer to God. In July last, the congregation celebrated the tenth anniversary of its organization. The services are represented as being of an interesting and profitable kind. An effort is in progress to liquidate the remaining debt on the church. Appropriation last year, $300; This year, $275. Pastor, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

Maryland.

Cumberland.—Members, 150; Baptisms, 6; Additions, 6; Sunday-school Scholars, 150; Benevolence, $30; Local objects, $800. The church property is worth from $7,000 to $8,000, with a debt of $500. No reduction of the debt during the year. The mission is making slow but steady progress. The Sunday-school is in a pros-

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THEODORE APPEL, *Superintendent.*

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

I beg leave, very respectfully, to submit the subjoined Report of the moneys received by me, and disbursed for Home Missions, during the last year, ending September 2, 1879:

RECEIPTS.

Synod of the United States.		
Classis of Philadelphia	$108 17	
" Tohickon	289 46	
" Goshenhoppen	464 67	
" East Pennsylvania	601 21	
" Lebanon	1366 92	
" Lancaster	560 26	
" East Susquehanna	272 77	
" West Susquehanna	364 64	
Total from the Synod of the United States		$4,028 10
Synod of the Potomac.		
Classis of Zion	$445 40	
" Maryland	783 13	
" Mercersburg	748 66	
" Virginia	298 04	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac		$2,275 23
Synod of Pittsburgh.		
From Treasurer of Synod	$752 59	
Classis of Saint Paul	47 00	
" Somerset	22 76	
Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh		$822 35
Miscellaneous Sources.		
Classis of San Francisco	$20 00	
Gerhart Legacy (Interest)	12 00	
Spangler Legacy (Interest)	18 75	
Locke Legacy (Interest)	150 00	
		$200 75
Balance in Treasury, October 8, 1878		240·35
Total from all sources		$7,566 78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of the Board during year	$7,359 37	
Paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis	79 30	
Balance in Treasury	128 11	
		$7,566 78

In addition to the above contributions for Missions, I received from sundry sources the sum of $407 90 for the erection of a chapel in Washington City, D. C.

REMARKS.

To arrive at the net amount contributed by the Church for Home Missions during the year, we must deduct for the sum total received

San Francisco.—In addition to the mission at Napa, we have two other churches in California, one at Stockton, and the other at San Francisco, which are self-supporting, and doing well. Their pastors have not confined themselves to their own congregations exclusively, but have sought to extend the Church in the regions beyond. The field, however, is large, and the demand for more laborers has been growing stronger, and more urgent. Under these circumstances the Council commissioned the licentiate, the Rev. F. L. Woerle, to labor at San Francisco, or neighboring places, under the direction of the Classis of San Francisco. He was ordained to this work a few months ago at York, by a committee of the Classis of Zion, and is now in the field, engaged in his new sphere of labor. He has taken charge of a mission at Alameda, in the vicinity of San Francisco, and the Board has voted him an appropriation of $100. The demands of this part of our missionary ground will require the services of one or two other missionaries at no distant day. It is hoped that we, as a Church, will be prepared to respond to the call to supply the multitudes of foreign Germans in this far western country, with a pure gospel, many of whom are without the ordinary means of grace, and many also without God and without hope in the world.

Oregon and Washington Territory.

Members, 80; Baptisms, 25; Additions, 19; Benevolence, $17; Local objects, $1,050.

Portland.—This mission has been making its usual substantial progress. The services at the church festivals in the spring made a deep impression on the hearts of the people, and drew larger audiences to the church than ever before. This church established on an evangelical basis, in the midst of much opposition from without, is now a permanent fact. The property, worth $8,000, is free of debt. Various improvements on the streets during the past year became a heavy tax on the church, for which the ladies of the congregation supplied a considerable part of the money needed to bear this additional burden of expense. The church expects to celebrate the fifth anniversary of its organization during the month of September, in connection with the first meeting of the Classis of Portland. It expects to become self-supporting at no distant day. The missionary frequently preaches in the new towns which are springing up in various directions, with the view of establishing new fields of labor for other missionaries. Openings of this kind are numerous, and it seems to be only necessary that we should send a sufficient supply of efficient laborers, in order that we may reap rich harvests in this part of the Pacific coast. The establishment of the new Classis in Oregon will, it is believed, be of much account in carrying forward this work. Statistics did not arrive in time to be inserted in this report. Appropriation last year, $300; This year the same. Pastor, John Gantenbein.

Salem.—The field occupied by the missionary at this post was divided during the year, and a portion of it, including the Meridian congregation, given to another missionary. He retained two of the congregations, the one at Salem and the other at Silverton, preaching at other points, and occasionally making excursions into more distant parts of the State. At Salem divine services have been thus far held in a hall, but recently a wealthy citizen of Salem presented the congregation with a lot of ground in an eligible part of the city, upon which it is now proposed to erect a church. Appropriation last year, $250; This year, $250. Pastor, J. Mühlhaupt.

Canby, Clackamas Co.—During the past year, the Rev. Julius Lange was commissioned as missionary to take charge of a portion of the field of Rev. Mühlhaupt, and of other important points. He has at present one organized church at Meridian. He fills appointments at other places, walks long distances over rough roads and through inclement weather to gather his fellow-countrymen into the Christian fold. Many of his people are Swiss emigrants, who are just clearing off the land, and are not able to do much for the support of the gospel, but are strongly devoted to the Reformed faith. Bro. Lange makes many sacrifices, labors hard as a missionary, and finds it necessary to devote part of his time to teaching in a little attic, which is his study, his bed-room and his school-house at the same time. This rigid economy is necessary in order that he may provide for his temporal support. Appropriation $200.

Walla Walla.—During the past year the Rev. George Wechtersheimer was commissioned as missionary at Walla Walla and other places. He had been a resident of that place for some time, engaged in teaching and laboring among the Germans with the view of organizing them into a congregation. He will now be able to devote more of his time to this work, and to the establishment of other new missions under the direction of Classis. Appropriation, $100.

Summary.

Number of missionaries, ten more than last year	38
Members	2,910
Additions during the year	324
Baptisms " " "	292
Sunday school Scholars	2,988
Amount collected during the year for Benevolence	$ 525
" " " " " Local objects	8,238
Value of Church Property about	125,000
Indebtedness about	30,000

Financial Statement.

From the treasurer's report, it will be seen that the contributions for missions since the last report was made to the Synods amounted to $7,326.43. This, however, does not cover the period of a full

year by more than a month. Some of the monies contributed by the churches, especially the harvest offerings, have not yet been reported. How much the whole will amount to at the end of the year cannot now be precisely stated. The probability is, that it will not be quite as much as it was during the previous year. This is most likely owing to the fact, that an appeal was made and special collections were lifted for missions in the month of January, 1878, whereas this was not done during last winter. The amount due the missionaries on the 1st of July last was $2,643. The amount of indebtedness for monies borrowed is $550, which is $250 less than it was last year. The Board has $2,500 invested, for which interest is paid. The expenditure for carrying forward the operations of the Board during the coming year will be something larger than it was during the previous year. To meet current expenses during the coming year, the Board will need $14,000, for which we suggest that the three different Synods concerned raise the following amounts:

The Synod of the United States.....	$8,000
The Synod of the Potomac.....	3,500
The Synod of Pittsburgh.	2,500

We further suggest, that the different Synods request all the churches, or as far as possible, to lift one collection for the relief of our missionaries, during the Advent or Epiphany period of the coming year.

Also, that the Synods and Classes at their coming meetings give special attention to the claims of the missionary cause, urge the importance of systematic benevolence, the further increase of missionary societies in congregations and Sunday-schools, also missionary festivals and the adoption of such measures as will tend to secure more promptly the payment of the classical assessments, so that the wants of our suffering missionaries may be more promptly met, and our missionary operations be more widely extended.

Remarks.

In closing this report, we call attention to a few facts. The first is the great extent and the urgent necessities of the field, which we are called on to cultivate. We have not been altogether remiss in providing for the spiritual wants of the missionary ground covered by the three Synods. Beyond that territory, however, we have as yet done comparatively little; and yet the calls upon us from our own people, as well as from others beyond our own immediate limits, to supply them with ministers to break unto them the bread of life, are numerous and urgent. It is the call of the divine Master addressed to us to feed His sheep, to feed His lambs. Many of our people have settled in the new states and territories of the West, who are without ministers and without churches. Our brethren in the West

G. Wolff, F. W. Kremer, and W. H. H. Snyder, J. A. Peters, and Elder D. W. Gross, to consult in reference to the harmonizing of their several Home Mission Agencies, and agreed upon the following action to be laid before this Synod:

1. That the Mission department of Ursinus Union report its contributions to the Board of Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States. This has already been done as respects the Shenandoah Mission, the only one within the bounds of this Synod.

2. It is agreed that the missionaries of Ursinus Union, laboring within the bounds of the three Eastern Synods, report to the Board of Missions, as well as to Ursinus Union.

3. It is further agreed, that all Mission funds raised within the bounds of these three Synods be reported to the Board, to be duly credited.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. Kremer.

In the same connection the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Inasmuch as this Synod requested the Executive Committees of the Boards of Home Missions of the Synod of the United States and Ursinus Union to harmonize their several Home Missionary agencies, it is also deemed proper that all monies collected for this purpose should be reported to the different Classical Treasurers, so as to be incorporated in their several reports; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That all the Treasurers of the Classes be instructed to accredit all monies received for this purpose.

2. *Resolved*, That all missionaries not under the care of either the "Board of Missions in the Reformed Church in the United States," or the "Ursinus Union," be directed to report to both these Boards, and that the attention of the Classes be directed this subject.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their annual report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance, except the nominations for filling the vacancy occurring in the Board, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Your Board begs leave to present the following Report:

The Board is composed of the following members:

Rev. Chas. H. Leinbach, D. D., whose term will expire Jan. 1,				1880
George H. Small	"	"	"	1881
James T. Reber	"	"	"	1882
Rev. W. H. H. Snyder . . .	"	"	"	1883
John J. Nissley	"	"	"	1884

As Rev. Charles H. Leinbach's, D. D., term will expire on the first of January, 1880, we propose the names of Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard and Samuel Kuhn as suitable candidates for the vacant office.

Whereas the Synod took no action in reference to delinquent Classes, to which the Board had called the attention of Synod, and there remains unpaid between eight and nine hundred dollars assessed upon this Synod for contingent expenses of General Synod, the Board would recommend some action, which will enable the Treasurer to meet these old claims.

JAMES T. REBER, *President.*

READING, September 2, 1879.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

1879.			DR.	
Jan'y 8,	To Cash from		Geo. W. Hensel, Esq., former Treasurer, balance in his hands	$153 96
Mar. 5,	"	"	West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	5 00
May 2,	"	"	East Susquehanna Classis, per Geo. Hill, Treas.	116 00
" 12,	"	"	West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	2 00
June 11,	"	"	Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. F. Wiant, Treas.	94 15
" 26,	"	"	West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	34 00
Aug. 7,	"	"	Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq., Treasurer	115 00
" 26,	"	"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis	6 50
" 28,	"	"	East Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. S. G. Wagner, Treasurer	100 00
				$626 61

1879.			CR.	
Jan'y 8,	By Cash paid		Geo. W. Hensel, Esq., Traveling Expenses...	$ 8 55
" 23,	"	"	Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., Salary as Stated Clerk, Translating Minutes, Postage, &c.	138 75
May 28,	"	"	Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., Treasurer of Publication Board, Printing Minutes of Synod at Easton, Pa.	275 00
Sept. 2,	By Balance			204 31
				$626 61

1879.
Sept. 2, To Balance, Contingent Fund..... $204 31

Sinking Fund Account.

Dr.

1879.			
Feb. 25,	To Cash from	Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treas...	$ 45 00
May 3,	" "	" " " ...	11 32
" 12,	" "	West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer.....	25 75
" 24,	" "	Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Manger, Esq., Treasurer	40 00
" 28,	" "	Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treas...	52 00
June 11,	" "	Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. F. Wiant, Treas.	100 00
Aug. 26,	" "	West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer.....	25 23
" 28,	" "	East Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. S. G. Wagner, Treasurer.....	84 00
			$383 30

Cr.

1879.		
Aug. 2,	By Cash paid W. H. Seibert, Esq., Treasurer of Board of Missions, one year's interest on $2,500, loan to July 5th, 1879.....	150 00
Sept. 2,	By Balance	233 30
		$383 30

1879.
Sept. 2, To Balance, Sinking Fund..... $233 30

Seminary and Gerhard Fund.

Dr.

1879.			
April 1,	To Cash from	Sale of two 5-20 U. S. Bonds.....	$200 00
	" "	Accrued Interest.....	7 90
	" "	Sale of one 5-20 U. S. Bond.....	100 00
	" "	Accrued Interest.....	4 50
" 12,	" "	E. Wolf, Jr., 2 mos. Int. Heyser Mortgage.....	135 00
May 3,	" "	2 mos. Int. on $1,000 Cook Legacy.....	25 00
	" "	12 mos. Int. on $800 " "	10 00
	" "	W. L. Heyser, 2 mos. Interest W. L. Heyser Mortgage.....	150 00
Aug. 2,	" "	2 mos. Int. on Gerhard Legacy.....	9 00
			$641 40

Cr.

1879.			
April 12,	By Cash paid	for $300 Hyg. City 6s, Gerhard Legacy.....	$300 00
	" "	Accrued Interest.....	4 50
May 3,	" "	J. S. Roth, Esq., Treas. Theological Seminary, 2 mos. Int. on Keefer and Cook Legacies.....	320 00
Carried Forward.....			$624,50

1879.	Amount brought forward	$624,50
Sept. 2,	By Cash paid Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., Treas. Board of Education, Int. on $100, Gerhard Fund	5 63
" "	W. H. Seibert, Treas. Board of Home Missions, Int. on $100, Gerhard Fund	5 63
" "	R. F. Kelker, Treas. Board of Foreign Missions, Int. on $100, Gerhard Fund	5 64
		$641 40

The undersigned, Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees, have examined the foregoing account of J. J. Nissley, Treasurer of Synod, compared his vouchers, and find it correct; and there remains in his hands a balance of $204.31, Contingent Fund, and $233.30, Sinking Fund.

C. H. LEINBACH,
W. H. H. SNYDER.

Harrisburg, Sept. 2d, 1879.

The following Classes within the bounds of this Synod are in arrears, viz.:

	Conting'nt Fund, 1876.	Contingent Fund, 1877.	Contingent Fund, 1878.	Sinking Fund, 1877.	Sinking Fund, 1878.	TOTALS.
East Pennsylvania	.....	.....	40 00	56 00	125 00	221 00
Goshenhoppen	.....	.....	85 00	.....	85 00	170 00
East Susquehanna	.....	65 00	80 00	115 00	95 00	355 00
West "	.....	.....	70 00	44 02	85 00	199 02
Lebanon	.....	.....	140 00	.....	125 00	265 00
Philadelphia	60 co	65 00	75 00	50 00	40 00	290 00
Tohickon	.....	13 98	65 00	70 00	60 00	208 98
Lancaster	.....	.....	85 00	.....	85 00	170 00
Totals	$60 00	$143 98	$640 00	$335 02	$700 00	$1,879 00

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:—In presenting this, my first annual report, to your venerable body, I beg leave to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred in electing me your treasurer, and express the hope that I may be able to discharge the duties to your entire satisfaction. I also beg leave to state, that the following changes have been made in the investments of Synod during the past year: The $300 U. S. 5–20 Bonds constituting the Gerhard Legacy, have been paid, and re-invested in Harrisburg City 6s, by order of the Board of Trustees of Synod. The $1,200 U. S. 10–40 Bonds constituting the Cook Legacy, have also been paid, and negotiations are now in progress for re-investing the fund in a mortgage. The treasurer regrets to inform Synod, that a number of the Classes are in arrears for the assessments made upon them by Synod, in consequence of which the treasurer has been unable to pay the assessments by the General Synod at Fort Wayne. $275, and the $640 by the late General Synod at Lancaster, all of which can be met, if the backstanding assessments be promptly paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

Hummelstown, Pa., Sept. 2d, 1879.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following Report, to wit:

The only items referred by Synod to our consideration are,—

a) A request from the Board of Trustees to make provision whereby our indebtedness of $915 to General Synod be promptly met.

b) The Report of the Treasurer.

c) Item of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, urging those Classes, which are in arrears on Synodical expenses, to make immediate payment.

The following arrearages from the several Classes are reported by the Treasurer:

On the Contingent Fund.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	Total.
East Pennsylvania	. .	. .	$40 00	$40 00
Goshenhoppen	. .	. .	85 00	85 00
East Susquehann	. .	$65 00	80 00	145 00
West Susquehanna	. .	. .	70 00	70 00
Lebanon	. .	. .	140 00	140 00
Philadelphia	$60 00	$65 00	75 00	200 00
Tohickon	. .	13 98	65 00	78 98
Lancaster	. .	. .	85 00	85 00
				$843 98

On the Sinking Fund.

	1877.	1878.	Total.
East Pennsylvania	$56 00	$125 00	$181 00
Goshenhoppen	. .	85 00	85 00
East Susquehanna	115 00	95 00	210 00
West Susquehanna	44 02	85 00	129 02
Lebanon	. .	125 00	125 00
Philadelphia	. .	(exonerated)	90 00
Tohickon	70 00	60 00	130 00
Lancaster	. .	85 00	85 00
			$1,035 02

The Treasurer reports a balance in his hands for Contingent Fund of $204 31, and for Sinking Fund of $233 30; total, $437 61.

The estimated expenses for the current Synodical year will be about $500, which, together with $500 for the Sinking Fund, as ordered by Synod in 1877, must be provided for.

To meet these expenses we would recommend the following apportionment, to wit:

For the Contingent Fund.

East Pennsylvania	$120 00
Lebanon	120 00
Goshenhoppen	75 00
Lancaster	75 00
East Susquehanna	75 00
West Susquehanna	60 00
Tohickon	55 00
Philadelphia	65 00
	$645 00

For Sinking Fund.

East Pennsylvania	$100 00
Lebanon	100 00
Goshenhoppen	75 00
Lancaster	75 00
East Susquehanna	85 00
West Susquehanna	75 00
Tohickon	55 00
Philadelphia	35 00
	$600 00

Your Committee would also recommend the following:

Resolution, That all the Classes, which are in arrears, either on the Contingent or the Sinking Fund, be again earnestly urged to pay the back-standing assessments without delay.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. PETERS, *Chairman.*

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Classis of Philadelphia requested Synod, to release it from the payment of the balance of the Missionary assessment for this year, and from the deficiencies of past years, and also to release it from the assessment of $90 for the Sinking Fund, and to take into consideration its peculiar circumstances in making other apportionments for benevolence. These requests were granted.

An election was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod. Rev. Zwingli A. Yearick and Elders Abraham Mader, John H. Kurzenknabe and Tobias G. Hange were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the President. Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard was elected a Trustee of Synod for the coming five years from the 1st of January next.

Rev. John F. De Long and Elder Jacob R. Hilbush were appointed a committee to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents for each member of Synod to defray the immediate current expenses of the present sessions. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod, to pay for expenses incurred at the present meeting, beg leave to report:

The work of the committee has been attended to, and they have realized $18, which has been handed to the pastor of this congregation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. De Long,
J. R. Hilbush,
Committee.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in regard to the several items contained in their report under the head of Irregularities, was affirmed.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred.]

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School Board submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

The Sunday-school Board of this Synod ask leave to report

1. That the term of office of Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., has expired, and that it will be necessary for this Synod to fill the vacancy.

2. The Board recommends that this Synod appoint one man, and that it asks the Synods of the Potomac and of Pittsburg, respectively to appoint one man, the three to act as a joint committee to select a series of Sunday-school Scripture Lessons, and to prepare comments on the same, for the coming year. And further, that we propose to these two Synods hereafter annually to unite with this Synod in the appointment of such a committee for this purpose.

3. That a Sunday-school service be held in this church on this (Friday) evening, and that the following topics be discussed:

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2. Worship in the Sunday-school, by Rev. Prof. W. E. Krebs.

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The nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board, and also to represent this Synod in the Committee to prepare the Scripture Lessons for Sunday Schools, was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to furnish the officers of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, with a copy of the action embraced in the foregoing Report, relating to the preparation of the Scripture Lessons for Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School service was held on Friday evening, according to the programme proposed by the Sunday School Board.

The election for filling the vacancy occurring in the Sunday School Board, resulted in the choice of the Rev. David Van Horne, D.D.

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The committee to whom was referred the
Santee, a member of the Sunday-school
Synod with reference to the improvemen
Lesson Papers. respectfully report:

That it is difficult, perhaps impossible, f
men, to do any work, let it be as good as it
versal satisfaction. This Synod has alread
gested by its Sunday-school Board. Acc
whole subject of getting up these Lesson Pa
hands of a committee composed of one mau
Synods. Your committee, therefore, can do
recommend to the Committee on Nominat
name of the brother, who has so faithfully a
the last eighteen months, and to recomme
Potomac to do the same with reference to t
who addressed the above-mentioned letter t

Respectfully submit
W. E. Ke
S. G. Wa
Isaac K.
D. S. Ra
W. F. Ho

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Sunday School Boa
topics for discussion at the customary Su
the next Synod; and that speakers, *primari*
by them from the list of the delegates elec
be informed of such appointment at leas
meeting of the next Synod.

Resolved, That the same Board be direct
ers in the same way to address the Sunday
ting them, however, to select their own subj

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of P
read, and referred to the Committee on Pub
as follows:

Annual Report of the Board of Publicatio
ending with August 1st.

To the Synods of the United States, Pi
mac, the Board of Publication of the Refo
S., respectfully submits the following report

The Board held three regular meetings during the eleven months covered by this report, at each of which, especially at the last meeting, close attention was given to the interests entrusted to their care. It is a source of regret, that they cannot present a more flattering report than the present must necessarily be; though, perhaps, it is more flattering than could have been expected when all the circumstances in the case are taken into consideration.

The Book Department, we regret to say, has met with a more than usual falling off in its business, than during any year since the panic commenced, and in this department our chief deficiency during the period covered by this report exists. To what particular cause this is to be traced, it may be difficult exactly to determine. Those entrusted with its management have not been relax in their efforts to make it a complete success. To what extent the patronage of the Church itself has been withheld, is best known to those, if there be any such, who have bestowed their patronage elsewhere. Certain it is, they have not done so, because they obtained better terms. It is to be remembered, however, that the general experience of the Book Trade pronounces the depression in business during the past year, to have been more severe than it has been during any year since the commencement of the panic. The Book Trade is one of the first to feel such depression, and one of the last to recover from it. The general impression, however, is, that an encouraging revival of business in the Book Department will be experienced during the incoming fall, in which the Board has reason to hope its business will share.

In the general periodical department, there has been, on the whole, some improvement on the previous year. The receipts on account of some of the periodicals have been increased, whilst the falling off on any of them is very slight, with a single exception. In those cases, however, where there has been a falling off, there has been a corresponding addition to the outstanding dues.

There has been a slight increase in the number of subscribers to the "Messenger" over that reported last year. In view of the large number of new subscribers obtained by the efforts of a special agency, it was naturally expected, that the increase would be larger. So many, however, new subscribers discontinue at the end of the first or second year; and it is necessary constantly to purge the subscription lists of non-paying subscribers, that it requires constant effort to keep the list at the present standard; and accordingly, large as the additions have been, they have but little exceeded the number of names stricken from the list. A decrease of one hundred and thirty-seven subscribers has occurred in the "Guardian" list, whilst a large addition has been made to the number of Lesson Papers printed. The "Review" shows an increase of seventeen, and the Monthly "Child's Treasury" of thirty-seven. The Semi-monthly has lost over twelve hundred subscribers. No special rea-

son can be assigned for this, as a continued decrease has been going forward for several years.

To meet a want which has been deeply felt for some time in the Church, and which could not be longer disregarded, without serious detriment to its interests, the Board felt constrained to commence the publication of a small weekly sheet for Infant Classes in Sunday schools. They have named it "Sunshine," and it has met with a favorable reception thus far, and the indications are, that the receipts during the first year will be sufficient to cover the actual expenses incurred.

The Board again appointed a special committee from its own number, in which each of the three Synods were represented, to examine carefully into the condition of the establishment. They spent the greater part of two days in their specific work. Their report is here incorporated, as the most accurate account that can be given of the result reached:

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20th, 1879.

To the Reformed Church Publication Board:

Your committee appointed at the last meeting, to take account of stock in store, and ascertain the financial condition of the Board, beg leave to report:

We have carefully gone over the list of books and goods in the store, and examined into our liabilities and assets, with the following results: We find a considerable amount of stock on hand, coming down from former years, that is not saleable, and hence comparatively worthless. This we estimated at only half its cost value, and in a few instances, threw it out altogether. Other of the stock we threw off one-fourth, one-fifth, and on all of it in sum total, one-tenth of its returned value. Our Book Agent, Mr. Taylor, was with us and coincided with our judgment. We found a large number of valueless "Reviews" and "Guardians" of former years still on hand. These we reduced one half from the estimate put on them last year, and still it is doubtful whether they can ever be sold for their present estimated value. We also found some books in sheets, that are worth but little, and hence estimated them at a low rate. It is the opinion of your committee, that greater care should be exercised in printing a less number of extra periodicals, especially of the "Review" and "Guardian," which have accumulated in such large numbers on our hands.

We find due on Book accounts over six thousand dollars; on subscriptions due from present subscribers to our periodicals, over thirteen thousand dollars, and due from old accounts of discontinued subscribers, nearly twelve thousand dollars, for about seventeen hundred dollars of which, notes and due bills have been given. Thus it will be seen, that the total amount due the Board, on book account and subscriptions to periodicals, amounts to the sum of

over *twenty-five thousand dollars*. This is a fearful loss in interest; but the worst of it is, that at least one-third of this large amount, or eight thousand dollars of it, had to be thrown out as not collectable. More care, we think, should be exercised in trusting those, not known to be good, and still more earnest efforts made to collect up outstanding claims. In saying all this, we have no design of reflecting upon the business capacity of our Superintendent or Book Agent. We believe they are both doing the very best they can for the interests of the establishment. The fault is rather with our ministers and people, who buy books and subscribe for periodicals and do not pay for them. But the experience of the past should teach us to trust less, and be wider awake to our pecuniary interests.

We are sorry to say, that our liabilities have increased during the last eleven months, about $2,500, while our assets have decreased about $1,800. Of course, this is owing in part to the reductions made on stock on hand, and the throwing out of what are believed to be worthless accounts. It will be remembered, also, that, when four years ago, the Synods elected a new Editor-in-chief, it was hoped that the increased income to the Establishment would meet the expense of his salary, and that this expectation has been disappointed, so that a large part of our increased liability is owing to the demand made upon us to pay the salary of additional force on the "Messenger." Still, the fact stares us in the face, that we are losing money largely, and, that unless our expenses can be brought nearer within our income, our existence as a Board will be only a matter of a few years. It is not within the province of the committee, as such, to suggest a remedy. We leave that to the united wisdom of the Board, and to the Synods represented in it. The total liabilities and assets, together with his detailed statement, will be found in the Superintendent's report.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Love,
G. S. Griffith.

To provide, as far as in their power, for a decrease of expenditures, the Board has made a general reduction on all the salaries of those employed in its service. As a means of further relieving the Board from financial pressure, it respectfully overtures the Synods represented in the Board, to recommend to the Classes and congregations within their bounds, to provide means for printing and distributing religious literature gratuitously, or at such reduced rates as the Board may deem best, to weak charges, Mission congregations, and other benevolent associations. Should this overture be granted, it further asks, that the Synod of the United States appoint a committee to prepare the manuscript for a tract on the "Duty and Privilege of giving to the Support of the Benevolent Operations of the Church:"

That the Synod of the Potomac appoint a committee to prepare a tract on the "Duty of and Benefit to Individuals and Families, Subscribing for and Reading our Church Periodicals;"

That the Synod of Pittsburgh appoint a committee to prepare the manuscript for a tract on the "Duty and Advantages of full Church Membership;" each tract not to contain more than eight pages, and that the cost of printing them be paid out of the fund raised for the free circulation of religious literature, and that all the congregations within the bounds of the three Synods, which contribute to this fund, shall be gratuitously supplied with said tracts for distribution in their families.

With a view to extend the circulation of the "Guardian" and "Child's Treasury," the Board has determined upon a reduction of the price of these periodicals, to go into effect, with the opening of the incoming year. As the income on the Semi-monthly Child's Treasury, in consequence of the falling off of its subscription list, is insufficient to cover the additional expenses incurred through it, the Board will discontinue its issue after the present year.

The Board appointed a committee to prepare a new price list of books published by it, and of all books on hand, putting such as are saleable at greatly reduced rates. This committee is to report at the next meeting of the Board to be held in December next, and the new price list is to go into effect with the opening of the incoming year.

The time of service of G. S. Griffith and B. Wolff, Jr., as members of the Board, will terminate with the present year. It will, therefore, devolve upon the Synods they respectively represent, to fill the vacancies in the Board, which will thus occur.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

D. W. Gross, *President.*

Samuel R. Fisher, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Aug. 29th, 1879.

A request from the Tohickon Classis, asking Synod to consider the propriety of transferring the publication interests of our Church into the hands of private individuals, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication submitted their report, which was received, amended, and then adopted. The report, as amended, is as follows:

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report that the following papers have been referred to them:

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication for the eleven months ending with August 1, 1879, together with a general and a detailed statement of the financial operations of the Board during the same time.

2. The request of the Tohickon Classis in reference to a transfer of our Publication interests to private hands.

Your Committee learn from the report, that the operations of the Board, during the period covered by their report, have not been marked by that prosperity which had been hoped for by the Church, and which, moreover, is so necessary to the continued existence of the Establishment. Embodied in the report of the Board, we find the report of a special committee of the Board, appointed from its own number, to examine carefully into the condition of the Establishment. It is a document of great importance, and sets the financial condition of the Board in a clear light. That committee found in the Book-store a considerable amount of old stock—some comparatively worthless; some estimated at half its cost; some the committee threw out as of no value whatever; and found all the material greatly depreciated.

The total assets, including real estate valued at $35,000, amount to	$77,332.57
Liabilities including a mortgage of $20,000, ...	54,636.44
The excess of assets over liabilities is	$22,696.13

We have here a decrease of assets during the last eleven months amounting to $4,829.86, while during the same period the liabilities have increased over $2,600. This state of things has been brought about by a combination of unfavorable circumstances. The stringency of the times, still severly felt in our Book-trade and Periodical department, the heavy outlay for editorial work, the interest on our indebtedness, the depreciation of stock on hand, and the large number of persons who buy books and read the Church periodicals without paying for them,—all these and other causes conspire to greatly hamper the Board in its operations and limit the usefulness of the Establishment. These hindrances the Board has seen and made efforts to provide against. In our day, as in the time of Solomon, "the man with a bag of money is gone a long journey." The Board has accordingly made a general reduction on all the salaries of those employed in its service; it has resolved to discontinne the publication of the semi-monthly *Child's Treasury*, because it failed to cover expenses; and is preparing a new price-list on books published by it, in the hope of increasing their sale. These measures have brought, and may yet bring, some relief; but nothing of a permanently beneficial result can be hoped for from them. More must be done, and that speedily. The facts that look this Synod in the face and challenge its attention are wholly destitute of poetry, but full of stern reality. "We are losing money largely, and unless our expenses can be brought nearer within our income, our existence as a Board will be only a matter of a few years." This sounds like a cry of distress; it came up here before now, and was too often responded to with *Resolves*. It is heard

again to-day, and your Committee, as well as the Board, is convinced, that earnest united action, tending to speedy relief, is demanded by all our interests. The Establishment is still solvent, but the debts are here and must be provided for; the income must be increased, and the expenditures of the Concern greatly lessened, or the howling of the wolf will be heard at the door.

Your Committee have given earnest attention to the subject in hand, and after mature deliberation have unanimously agreed to suggest the following action for adoption to Synod:

WHEREAS, the union of the three Synods in the publication operations of the Church, by means of the editorial arrangement that has existed during the past four years, has been accomplished; and,

WHEREAS, the expected increased income to the Establishment from this arrangement has not been realized, and "a large part of our increased liabilities is owing to the demand made upon us to pay the salary of additional force on *The Messenger;*" therefore,

1. *Resolved,* That this Synod hereby respectfully requests the Synod of Pittsburg and the Synod of the Potomac to concur with this body in the following action:

2. *Resolved,* That this Synod deems it inexpedient to continue the present Editorial arrangement (that is, the Editorship-in-chief and Synodical Editorships) beyond the 1st day of January, 1880.

3. *Resolved,* That the Board of Publication be instructed in any action which it may take with regard to the Editorial or general management of the Publication interests, to give full representation to both the tendencies into which our Church is at present divided.

4. *Resolved,* That in view of the arrangement here proposed, the request of the Tohickon Classis, to transfer the Printing Establishment to private hands, cannot be granted.—Further,

WHEREAS, there is now due on Book account over $6,000; on subscriptions from present subscribers, over $13,000; and due on old accounts of discontinued subscribers, nearly $12,000; therefore, in view of the fearful loss of principal and interest which this way of doing business entails,

1. *Resolved,* That all parties knowing themselves to be indebted to the Board either on Book or Periodical account, be again urgently requested to liquidate their indebtedness as speedily as possible.

2. *Resolved,* That the Board be requested to devise some method by which these long credits and this ruinous loss may hereafter be avoided.

3. *Resolved,* That in the future greater care be exercised in trusting persons not known to be good.

4. *Resolved,* That this Synod earnestly requests all pastors and members within its bounds to employ their best efforts to increase the patronage of the Book-store and Printing Establishment.

5. *Resolved,* That this Synod puts upon record its solemn protest

against the dishonesty of those, who buy books and subscribe for the Church papers and neglect to pay for them.

6. *Resolved*, That the Board be requested to make earnest and persistent efforts to collect as much as possible of the outstanding claims.

7. *Resolved*, That Synod suggest to the Board the use of a cheaper grade of paper for *The Messenger* and other periodicals.

8. *Resolved*, That, in the purchasing of stock, the Board instruct its agent to take especial pains to secure only such things as are more especially needed to supply the wants of the Reformed Church.

As a means of further relief from financial pressure, the Board respectfully overtures Synod to recommend to the Classes and Congregations within its bounds to provide means for printing and distributing religious literature gratuitously, or at such reduced rate (as the Board may deem best), to weak charges, mission congregations, etc. Should the overture be granted, the Board further asks this Synod to appoint a committee to prepare the manuscript for a tract, of not more than eight pages, on "The Duty and Privilege of Giving to the Support of the Benevolent Operations of the Church."

In reference to this matter, your Committee would offer the following resolutions:

1. That the request be granted, and the desired permission be given to print said tract as soon as the funds needed for the purpose shall have been provided.

2. That meanwhile a committee be appointed to prepare the manuscript for said tract.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman.*
A. B. KOPLIN,
J. S. VANDERSLOOT,
A. SCHWENK,
PHILIP FREDERICK,
Committee.

The following report was submitted by the committee continued by the Synod of last year to co-operate with a similar committee from the Synod of the Potomac, in the preparation of an edition of the "Hymns for the Reformed Church in the United States," with music attached, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued.

Your committee appointed to prepare an edition of the Hymn Book with tunes beg leave to report:

That the work assigned them is progressing, though more slowly than was expected a year ago. Your committee regret their inability to present their final report, which is due to the fact that they

are obliged to wait till the committee of the Synod of the Potomac, with whom they are co-operating, have completed their task.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. GAST, *Chairman.*

The Classis of Lancaster, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to see that its full quota of the Minutes of Synod is sent to it. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That the Classis be informed, that it has been receiving the number of copies of the Minutes to which it is entitled, under the present rule for distribution adopted by the Synod.

The Stated Clerk reported, that he had complied with the instructions of Synod in regard to the printing and distribution of the Minutes of its last annual sessions. The following resolution was adopted in regard to the printing and distribution of the Minutes of its present annual sessions:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have seventeen hundred copies of the Minutes of the present annual sessions, duly authenticated, printed, twelve hundred in the English, and five hundred in the German language, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them.

A private communication, though bearing the official seal, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, was received from the Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Potomac calling the attention of this Synod to the misspelling of three names in the published Minutes of the last annual sessions of this Synod. It was

Resolved, That the attention of the Stated Clerk of this Synod be called to this subject.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, called the attention of Synod to its action at its last annual sessions, in regard to the Peace Commission; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five persons be appointed to take into consideration the matter and manner of the election of Peace Commissioners; and that the reception and action on their report be made the order of the day for Friday morning session at ten clock.

Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., Franklin W. Kremer, D. D.,

Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D., and Elder Henry J. Young were appointed the committee called for in the foregoing resolution.

At the time appointed the committee submitted their report. It was received and taken up item by item. After a lengthy discussion and several amendments, the report was adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the matter and manner of the electing of peace commissioners, beg leave to report the following:

1. As to the matter. (*a.*) According to the basis laid down by the General Synod, this Synod is entitled to six commissioners—three ministers and three elders. (*b.*) The General Synod earnestly recommends to the district synods, that in the election of their respective commissioners they pay due regard to a minority tendency, where such exists.

2. As to the manner of election. (*a.*) We recommend that a committee of four ministers and three elders be appointed to nominate a double set of candidates.

(*b.*) In accordance with the above instructions of the General Synod, we recommend that four ministers and four elders be nominated to represent the Lancaster tendency, and two elders and two ministers be nominated to represent the opposite tendency, and that one half the candidates of each of these tendencies, having the highest number of votes, shall be declared the peace commissioners of the Synod to the peace commission, and those receiving a minority vote shall be their alternates.

(*c.*) That the report of this nominating committee be made the order of the day for this afternoon at 4½ o'clock,

(*d.*) The committee recommend that the election of commissioners be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at the opening of the session, and that immediately after the election the Synod engage in special prayer.

B. Bausman,
F. W. Kremer,
C. H. Leinbach,
Jos. B. Shumaker,
Henry J. Young.
Committee.

Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, George Wolff, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner, Zwingli A. Yearick, and Elders Henry Gast, David S. Raber, and John H. Kurzeknabe, were appointed the committee to nominate the candidates for Peace Commissioners, as required in the foregoing report. This committee reported at the time fixed for the reception and action upon their report. The report was received and amended, and then unanimously adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee appointed to nominate the requisite number of ministers and elders to represent this Synod in the Peace Commission to meet in Harrisburg on the 26th of Nov., 1879, at 7 o'clock, P. M., have unanimously agreed upon the following.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D. D.	D. W. Gross.
" C. Z. Weiser, D. D.	George Hill.
" B. Bausman, D. D.	Geo. W. Hensel.
" C. H. Leinbach, D. D.	W. H. Seibert.
" J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	Rudolph F. Kelker.
" F. W. Kremer, D. D.	H. C. Hoover.

Respectfully submitted.

A. S. Leinbach,
Geo. Wolff,
S. G. Wagner,
Z. A. Yearick,
D. S. Raber,
Henry Gast,
J. H. Kurzenknabe,
} *Committee.*

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have the necessary number of copies of the nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the time appointed the Synod proceeded to the election. The Synod was led in prayer by the Rev. George Wolff, D. D. and John A. Peters. Rev. Abraham B. Koplin, Henry W. H. Hibschman, Henry A. Keyser, and Elders William K. Gresh and Reuben H. Kramm were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result, which is as follows: Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., and Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., and Elders Daniel W. Gross, William H. Seibert, and Rudolph F. Kelker, *Primarii;* and Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., and John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., and Elders George Hill, George W. Hensel and Hiram C. Hoover, *Secundi.*

Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, David E. Klopp, D.D., Henry A. Keyser, and Elders Reuben H. Kramm and Philip Risser, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute expressive of the sense of the Synod, as to the general principles which should govern the Peace Commission in its actions and conclusions. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to prepare a paper expressive of the sense of this Synod in regard to the general principles, which should govern the Peace Commission in its acts and conclusions, submit the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, As the sense of this Synod, that, to carry out the spirit of the General Synod in inaugurating the peace movement, it is necessary that the conclusions reached by the Peace Commission be unanimous.

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully recommend to the other five Synods to give an expession on this subject.

R. Leighton Gerhart, *Chairman.*

It was further.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the sense of the Synod in regard to the importance of having the two tendencies in the Church equally represented in the Peace Commission.

The committee provided for in this resolution consists of the Rev. George Wolff, D. D., Henry M. Kieffer, and Elder John H. Kurzenknabe. This committee submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee appointed to prepare a Minute expressive of the sense of the Synod in regard to the importance of having the two tendencies in the Church equally represented in the Peace Commission, beg leave to report:

That it is the sense of this Synod, that the two tendencies in the Church *should* be equally represented in the Peace Commission, and that the other Synods be respectfully and earnestly requested so to constitute their respective delegations as to most effectually secure this object.

GEO. WOLFF,
H. W. KIEFFER,
J. H. KURZENKNABE, } *Committee.*

In the same connection the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President and Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to communicate to all the other district Synods the sense of this Synod touching the Peace Commission on the following points:

a. That it is desirable, if possible, to have the two tendencies existing in the Church, equally represented in the Peace Commission.

b. That in order to carry out the spirit of the General Synod, it is necessary that the conclusions reached by the Peace Commission should be unanimous.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to provide for the organization of a new Classis, from territory within its bounds. The request was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Lucian J. Mayer, John A. Peters, and Elder Jacob R. Hilbush, to prepare a minute covering the case. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, appointed to report a Minute on the division of East Pennsylvania Classis, would respectfully suggest the following action:

That all the ministers of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, who reside on the western side of the Lehigh river; viz: Revs. W. A. Helfrich, D. D., J. S. Herman, A. J. Herman, W. R. Hofford-A. R. Bartholomew, N. S. Strassburger, E. J. Fogel, S. A. Lein,

bach, S. G. Wagner, L. K. Derr, F. H. Schwartz, A. J. G. Dubbs, Benjamin Weiss, J. Fritzinger, Thomas N. Reber, J. N. Bachman, N. C. Schaeffer and licentiate P. S. H. Kohler, be and are hereby dismissed for the purpose of constituting another Classis.

That the Lehigh river, from the line of the Classis of East Susquehanna on the north to the line of the Classis of Tohickon on the south, be the dividing line between the Classis of East Pennsylvania on the west, and the new Classis on the east; and that the congregations and charges, together with all the territory of the Classis of East Pennsylvania lying west of the Lehigh river, be and hereby are transferred to the Classis about to be formed. And further, that the above named ministers of the contemplated new Classis, together with the elders delegated from the several charges, be directed to meet in Salem's Reformed Church Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension Day, 1880, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for organization, the adoption of such a name and seal as they may deem proper, and the transaction of all business which usually claims the attention of a Classis at an annual meeting; and that the Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, of Kutztown, preach the opening sermon on the occasion, and preside at the organization.

Respectfully submitted.

L. J. MAYER,
I. A. PETERS, } *Committee.*
J. R. HILBUSH,

The Classis of Lebanon requested the Synod, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, to decide whether an elder, who has been licensed to preach the Gospel, can still hold his seat as an elder during the remainder of the sessions. It was

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Synod, the licensing of an elder to preach the gospel does not deprive him of his office as an elder.

The following preamble and resolutions were also adopted:

WHEREAS, several Classes name simply a borough, a valley or a creek, as places of their annual meetings, therefore,

Resolved, That the Classes be respectfully requested to name the churches, in which their annual meetings will be held.

WHEREAS, the practice of the Classes varies in regard to the signing of the formula prescribed by the Constitution for licentiates, whereby delays and uncertainties are occasioned, therefore,

Resolved, That the several Classes be instructed to request their licentiates to sign said formula, immediately after the reception of the report of the Committee on Examination, and that the Stated Clerks record the fact.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the morning of the fifth day of the sessions Rev. Abraham B. Koplin and Elders David S. Raber and Reuben H. Kramm, were appointed a committee through whom all applications for absence shall be presented to Synod. They reported from time to time the applications made to them for absence, when the Synod was brought to a direct vote on them in each case.

The following paper, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, was received from the President of the Board of Managers of the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. John K. Millett, John A. Peters, Henry H. W. Hibschman, and Elder Jacob R. Hilbush:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States.

Bethany Orphans' Home has passed through an existence of fifteen years. During this time 307 orphans have here received their maintenance and Christian training. The whole amount received from the Church and other sources is about $150,000.

During the past year, the Home received from the Church $2,592.09; and for boarding and soldiers' orphans, $1,076 45, amounting in all to $3,668.54. This is the smallest amount received during any year of its history, and almost $800 less than the expenditures.

In addition to this, the farm yielded 146 bushels of wheat, 600 bushels of corn, 360 bushels of rye, 130 bushels of oats, 50 tons of hay, 150 bushels of potatoes, 20 bushels of apples, 20 bushels of peaches, 100 bushels of grapes, and all the vegetables needed for the institution. Besides this, the farm furnished pasture for fifteen head of cattle.

During the year one of the orphans died. The general health of the inmates has been good, and at no time during its history has the moral deportment of the orphans been as praiseworthy as during the last year. On Good Friday last, the Superintendent confirmed seven orphans. Since the Orphans' Home congregation was organized, in less than ten years, Rev. Mr. Albright confirmed 106 orphans as members of the Reformed Church.

There are at present 55 orphans in the Home, among which are 3 soldiers' orphans, whose time will expire in a year or two. There was a time, when we had from 40 to 50 soldiers' orphans, yielding us an annual income from the State of between $4,000 and $5,000. In a short time our income from this source will cease altogether, after which the institution will be wholly dependent upon the contributions from congregations, Sunday-schools and individual friends. Despite the efforts of the Board to reduce the expenses

to the lowest possible figure, the receipts have not sufficed to cover the most necessary expenses of the year. We do not like to reduce the present number of inmates. With our commodious building not half filled, it is hard to turn a deaf ear to the cries of the fatherless. Yet, unless we receive more help, we shall be driven to this sad alternative.

A payment of $4,000 on the property of the Home still remains due. Money given us for the direct support of the orphans must be used to pay interest. Recently a plan has been proposed to raise this amount by forty $100 subscriptions. The Board heartily approves of the plan, and four persons have sent in their names for $100 each. We need 36 more names. If this payment could be cancelled, the Home would be relieved of an annoying burden. We earnestly appeal to the benevolent friends of the fatherless to aid us in this payment, and in the general support of the blessed cause.

B. BAUSMAN, *President Board of Managers.*

To the same committee was referred the request of the Lebanon Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asking that the Bethany Orphans' Home be included in its apportionments for benevolence.

The committee to whom the above documents were referred, submitted their report. It was received, amended and then adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Your committee, to whom were referred the report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home and a request from Lebanon Classis, relating to the support of the Home, beg to report the following:

It is very gratifying to note the fact, that our Home at Womelsdorf has continued hitherto to enjoy the blessing of God; and that it has been efficient in the particular sphere of church work for which it has been founded. But the fact, also appears, that, especially during the last year, it has not been supported as it should have been, and as it must be, to do its work satisfactorily.

Being an institution of our Church most worthy of our prayers and liberal support, we recommend to Synod the following action:

Resolved 1. That the Synod cannot see its way clear to include our Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf in its apportionments for benevolence.

Resolved 2. That our Classes be directed to take such action as will aid the Home in securing the sum of $4,000, being the debt still resting on the property, by $100 subscriptions.

Resolved 3. That our Church papers be requested to bring the plan of thus raising the amount of indebtedness on the property before the Church, with a view of preparing the way for more direct appeals to benevolent friends of the fatherless.

Resolved 4. That, in addition to the above action, recommending

the Orphans' Home, we urge the continuation of voluntary contributions from Sunday-schools and congregations.

Respectfully submitted.

J. K. MILLETT,
J. A. PETERS,
H. H. W. HIBSCHMAN,
J. R. HILBUSH,
} *Committee.*

The Committee on Nominations, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Trustees of Synod as relates to filling the vacancies occurring in the Board, and also the filling of the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, and such other nominations as are usually made for the election held by Synod, submitted their report, on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions, which was received and adopted. The election was ordered to take place on the morning of the fifth day of the sessions at ten o'clock, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have the requisite number of copies of the nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the time appointed, the election was held. Rev. John K. Millett, Henry A. Keyser, John F. De Long, and Elder Philip Risser were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the President, as found recorded in each case, in its appropriate place, except the filling the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, which resulted in the choice of Hon. Joseph Laubach, Hon. Andrew K. Seyster, and Benjamin F. Shenk.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby reiterates its former action in commending the Allentown Female College to the favorable consideration of all the congregations and members within its bounds, and in enlisting for its support and patronage the interest and influence of the several pastors.

By special permission of Synod, the Rev. John Gring, an aged father in the Church, gave an interesting account of his labors during a ministry of over fifty years' continuance. He also, on a subsequent occasion, took leave of his brethren in a few touching parting words, followed with the repetition of the Lord's prayer, and the singing of the doxology.

At the opening of the sessions, the Rev. John P. Stein was appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the local press; the Rev. J. Samuel Vandersloot, for the Associated press; Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, for the *Reading Times and Despatch*, and Rev. David B. Shuey, for the *Lancaster Press*.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby puts on record its hearty appreciation of the generous Christian hospitality extended to its members during its present sessions, by the pastors and members of the Reformed congregations in Lebanon, and returns sincere thanks for the same.

Resolved, That the pastors be requested to read the foregoing resolution from their pulpits, and that it be published in the *Messenger* and the newspapers of Lebanon.

Resolved, That thanks be also returned to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, for permitting the members of Synod to pass over their road and its branches at reduced fare.

The roll was called and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet in the annual sessions in the Reformed Church at Meyerstown, Lebanon County, Pa., on the third Wednesday in October. A. D. 1880, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with the singing of a hymn, prayer by the Rev. David E Klopp, D. D., in which was incorporated the Creed and the Lord's prayer, which were repeated in unison; and the doxology and benediction by the President.

C. Z. WEISER, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk*

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STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Eras. of N.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Stu. for M.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	4	Ziegel, &c.,	800	650	103	1	97		700	72			35	6	550	4	$457 00	$1,972 00	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
J. Sassaman Herman,	4	Fleetwood, &c.,	550	300	140		24		670				31	4			134 00	300 00	Kutztown, Berks do
Cyrus J. Becker,	2	Howertown,																	Catasauqua, Lehigh do
Alfred J. Herman,	7	Zion's,	730	290	70		55		580				20	7	440		90 00	1,580 00	Maxatawny, Berks do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	600	380	40		13	2	450	7		8	26	7	400	3	89 00	1,500 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,	510	400	39		12	18	440	11		4	17	1	330		225 00	2,500 00	do do do
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.,	3	Plainfield,	800	400	56		33		580				22	5		1	110 00	1,085 00	Nazareth, do do
Wm. R. Hofford,	1	South Whitehall,	230	120	9		31		195				15	3	180		120 00	320 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Abr. Bartholomew,	4	Mahoning,	550	330	69		20		412				25	12		1	114 00	850 00	Lehighton, Carbon do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Zion's Ref., Allento'n,	632	373	27		19	9	423	6		21	12	1	374		309 00	2,407 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robt. Lisberger,	3	Oxford Furnace,	200	100	42		16		140	1			15	3	230		17 00	600 00	Bath, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,	4	Jòrdan,	900	700	87		56		742				28	13		2	519 00	2,000 00	Fogelsville, Lehigh do
Martin A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	800	600	32		9	1	500	2			16	5	350	2	180 00	2,000 00	Nazareth, Northampton do
Samuel A. Leinbach	3	Egypt,	500	480	51		28		451				21	9	385	1	115 00	1,000 00	Coplay, Lehigh do
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	St. John's Ref., Allent.	400	200	21		13	5	300	5		50	3	1	300	1	220 00	3,000 00	Box 411 Allentown, do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Slatington,	445	268	58		11	4	375	6		1	13	3	295	1	250 00	1,900 00	Slatington, Lehigh do
Frederick H. Schwartz,		Without charge,																	
Thomas C. Porter, D. D.,	1	3d st. Ref. Easton,	549	370	15	4	22	19	309	8			15	1	381		1,224 00	3,714 00	Easton, Northampton do
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	1	Salem's Ref., Allent.,	550	300	114		53	56	490	15		30	42	1	600	1	171 00	2,557 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Benjamin Weiss,	4	Lenhardtsville,	510	250	56		22		400	3		20	20	5	230	1		1,000 00	Lenhardtsville, Berks do
Jared Fritzinger,	1	Christ's Ref., Allent.,	91	100	13		14	7	59	1		2	2	1	144	1	14 00	352 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,		Cherryville Congr.,	511	300					376				37	4	360			760 00	Cherryville, Northampton do
Horatio Daniel,		Without charge,																	Bath, do do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	1	Grace Ch., Easton,	75	50	17		4	1	68	4			4	1	96		50 00	600 00	Easton, Northampton Co., Pa.

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Thos. N. Reber,	3	Macungie,	650	300	77		34	5	415	5			32	7	400	1	105 00	1,100 00	Macungie, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Tilghman O. Stem,	1	St. Mark's, Easton,	219	115	29	4	10	18	186	7		1	7	1	248		69 00	1,551 00	1143 Washing'n St., Easton, do
Charles Becker,		Without charge,																	Weissport, Carbon do
Thomas A. Huber,	4	Brodheadsville,	650	460	80		20	2	418				37	4	390	1	68 00	1,000 00	Broadheadsville, Monroe do
Joseph E. Freeman,	4	Weissport,	534	260	80		41		328	1			59	8	699		39 00	3,100 00	Weissport, Carbon do
John J. Crist,	1	Catasauqua,	87	115	14			9	68	2		1	5	1	140		30 00	250 00	Catasauqua, Lehigh do
C. W. E. Siegel,	6	Hamilton,	250	115	34	1	24	1	197	3			26	6	281		37 00	600 00	Sciota, Monroe do
James N. Bachman,	3	Jacksonville,	621	450	60		34	1	475				34	5	400	1	60 00	800 00	Stony Run, Berks do
H. H. W. Hibshman,	4	Mt. Bethel,	526	368	40	4	39	2	470				12	6	400	1	70 00	1,300 00	Stone Church, North'mpt'n do
J. E. Smith,	3	Moore Township,	525	250	40		13		374				19	7	325		44 00	625 00	Bath, do do
N. C. Schaeffer,		Prof. State Nor. Sch.,																	Kutztown, Berks do
Supply, I. K. Loos,	1	Rittersville, congr.,	105	90	15			2	101	2			2	1	50		20 00	160 00	
do N. Z. Snyder,	1	Freemansburg cong.,	130	80	11	1	11	8	91			6	2	1	110		36 00	440 00	
do B. Weiss,	1	Blandon congr.,	140	65	10	1	21		121	1			2	1	75		7 00	150 00	
do J. N. Bachman	1	Lowhill congr.	145	90	15		6		115				5	2	125		25 00	150 00	

LEBANON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms Inf'ts.	Baptisms Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions. Benev. Purp's.	Contributions. Cong'l Purp's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Gring,		Superannuated,																	Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
A. S. Leinbach,	8	Schwartzwald,	1780	1060	205	4	68						69	10	700	1	$143 01	$1,750 00	Reading, Berks do
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	1000	800	72	5	76	11	600	9			40	2	625	1	988 40	2,275 58	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	2	Jerusalem,	745	465	58	1	35	20	625	2			26	6	475		48 53	2,765 21	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
Jona. E. Hiester, D.D.,	4	Annville,	475	300	37	8	30	3	375	7			11	4	250		271 00	1,202 00	Annville, Lebanon do
Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	1	2d Ch., Reading,	470	300	31		21	9	400	6			17	1	354		639 00	2,288 00	Reading, Berks do
T. Calvin Leinbach,	7	Bernville,	1600	1350	112		106	12	1,500	10		25	55	15	500	1	300 00	1,300 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff, D. D.,	3	Meyerstown,	925	580	40		21	12	740	10		5	18	3	450	1	396 53	1,100 00	Meyerstown, Lebanon do
Benj. Bausman, D.D.,	1	St. Paul's Mem. Ch.,	575	300	33	2	15	5	550	11			9	1	386	1	315 00	7,207 00	Reading, Berks do
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,	200	100	10	2	9	5	160					1	180		325 00	2,500 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Chas H. Leinbach, D.D.,	5	Tulpehocken,	1250	550	60	3	51	14	1,080	6		2	34	5	400	2	330 00	1,500 00	Stouchsburg, Berks do
John P. Stein,	1	Trinity Church, Potts.,	140	80	18		21		103	2			9	1	135		13 00	800 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Eli E. Hiester,	4	Pine Grove,	400	285	27				250				9	3	120		16 25	351 00	Friedensburg, " do
Daniel B. Albright,	1	Bethany, Orph. Home	36				23	2	36	4				1	50		181 80		Womelsdorf, Berks do
W. M. Reily,		Prof. in Palatinate Col.																	Meyerstown, Lebanon do
Henry A. Keyser,	1	Mahanoy City.	525	400	50		29	15	496	6			23	1	425	1	325 00	1,200 00	Mahanoy City, Schuylkill do
C. H. Mutchler,		Without Charge,																	Jonestown, Lebanon do
Jno. O. Johnson,	1	St. John's,	235	200	30	1	12	6	214	5		13	5	1	240		93 00	1,200 00	Schuylkill Haven, do do
F. W. Dechant, supply,	1	Shoemakersville cong.	120	50					23	1				1					Reading, Berks do
Jas. A. Schultz,		Without Charge,																	
Wm. F. P. Davis,	4	Sinking Spring,	1100	600	80	1	76		992				49	4	400		55 69	6,000 00	Reading, Berks do
Henry Leisse,	5	Orwigsburg,	550		30	1	26		388				26	5	450	2	80 00		Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do
H. Mosser,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1000	850	74	4	56	33	800	6			49	1	650	1	401 60	4,078 08	Reading, Berks do
G.W.Aughinbaugh, D.D.		Pres. of Palatinate Col.																	Meyerstown, Lebanon do
R. S. Appel,	4	Schartelsville,	750	250	69		58		623				34	7	400		37 59	1,085 00	Hamburg, do

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Adolph B. Caspar,		Superannuated,																	New Berlin, Union Co., Pa.
Wm. H. Groh,	4	Boalsburg,	312	205	17	4	23	13	289	5			8	4	180		$120 00	$888 00	Boalsburg, Centre do
William W. Clouser,	4	White Deer,	305	200	42	12	30		305	4			19	4	150	2	26 00	3450 00	White Deer Mills, Union do
Wm. A. Haas,	5	Selinsgrove,	385	300	29		23	1	375	4			13	5	225		117 00	1300 00	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
Willoughby Donat,	6	Liverpool,	240	203	25	3	39	5	211	3			3	7	242		45 00	509 00	Oriental, Juniata do
John F. De Long,	1	Williamsport,	215	175	10	1	3	11	185	4		2	1	2	190		90 00	921 00	Williamsport, Lycoming do
Joseph G. Shoemaker,	3	Aaronsburg,	275	190	15	1	17	12	245	6		9	8	2	155		120 00	1000 00	Aaronsburg, Centre do
George P. Hartzell,	5	Nittany Valley,	266	273	14	2	15	19	231	13		11	9	4	190		277 00	1184 00	Walker, Centre do
William M. Landis,	5	Rebersburg,	272	167	18	1	25	6	240	6			3	5	185		92 00	677 00	Rebersburg, Centre do
Abraham Romich,	5	Beaver Springs,	550	300	49	4	37		449	3			15	4	400			600 00	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
Stephen S. Kohler,	4	New Berlin,	250	175	8			4	190	2			9	1	88		46 00	500 00	New Berlin, Union do
Samuel M. Roeder,	3	Centre Hall,	256	209	14		3	6	213	8			2	3	160		93 00	778 00	Centre Hall, Centre do
Isaac S. Stahr,	2	Lock Haven,	137	101	12		7	5	86	1		4	6	2	120		20 00	440 00	Lock Haven, Clinton do
Adam C. Whitmer,	3	Mifflinburg,	420	206	5		3	2	352	1			4	2	200			850 00	Mifflinburg, Union do
Vacant,	2	Bellefonte,	160	75	6		8	11	105	5			2	1	80	1	75 00	800 00	Bellefonte, Centre do
do	2	Lewisburg,	350	225	7		9	7	316	9			7	2	300		126 00	1200 00	Lewisburg, Union do
David G. Klein,		Without charge,																	Walker, Centre do
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,		Penn Hall Academy,																	Penn Hall, Centre do
Simon Wolf,		Licentiate,																	Lewisburg,, Union do
Franklin W. Brown,		do																	do do do
Simon P. Brown,		do																	McKees' Half Falls, Snyder do
Total, 19.	54		4,418	3004	271	28	243	102	3892	74		26	107	48	2865	3	$1,247 00	$15,097 00	

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Rudolph Duenger,	1	Ashland, Sch'ylkill C.,	290	225	44		34		275	3		4	13	1	150		$56 00	$675 00	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	7	Mahanoy, North'l Co.,	540	380	56	1	42	4	397	12			16	7	350		140 00	1032 00	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
Alfred Houtz,	4	Orangeville,	215	92	25	1	6	3	202	8		7	14	4	102		82 00	650 00	Orangeville, Columbia do
Tilghman Derr	6	North Susquehanna,	425	275	26		13		340				25	7	250		80 00	900 00	Berwick, Columbia do
Henry S. Bassler,		Without Charge,																	Millersburg, Dauphin do
John M. Clemens,	5	Conyngham,	520	300	118	8	79		460				49	5	300		97 00	1000 00	Conyngham, Luzerne do
William G. Engle,	6	Uniontown,	700	225	43		44			3			31	6	400		78 00	1200 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
Geo. B. Dechant,	4	Catawissa,	475	525	47	2	27	2	352			10	35	6	343		112 00	1150 00	Catawissa, Columbia do
John K. Millet,	3	Paradise,	450	350	17		17	8	310	6			5	3	300	1	160 00	2600 00	McEwensville, North'berl'd do
David O. Shoemaker,	5	Augusta,	305		10		7	2	274				2	5	200				Sunbury, Northumb'land Co., do
J. B. Kerschner,	3	Millersburg,	352	279	17	1	1	5	251	1			8	3	230	3	94 00	810 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
Albert S. Stauffer,	3	Berrysburg,	216	155	24		5	7	142	3			13	3	343		12 00	439 00	Lykens, Dauphin do
Mahlon H. Mishler,																			Henrietta, Blair Co., Pa.
J. C. J. Kurtz,		Without Charge,																	Shamokin, Northumberland do
Z. Albert Yearick,	3	Mt. Zion,	479	217	37		33	15	375	9			9	3	214	1	137 00	1190 00	Turbotville, do do
Edward D. Miller,	3	Ringtown,	268	213	50		7		170				13	4	140		43 00	200 00	Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., do
Blocadus S. Metzger,	7	Deep Creek,	375		40	2	45		300	1			16	5	280		28 00		Heginsville, do do
Walter E. Krebs	1	Bloomsburg,	111	85	9	1	9	11	108	1			4	1	100		38 00	805 00	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
Sol. B. Shafer,	1	Milton,	215	160	21		2	20	171	7			8	1	219		14 00	1073 00	Milton, Northumberland Co., do
Franklin K. Levan,	1	Wilkesbarre,	270	225	44		27	24	210	2			8	1	135		12 00	500 00	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do
Wm. C. Schaeffer,	3	Danville,	300	170	8	1	13	1	216	5			3	3	330	1	122 00	634 00	Danville, Montour do
Thomas J. Hacker,	1	Shamokin,	225	200	26				190	10		1	10	1	200			800 00	Shamokin, Northumberland do
	5	Armstrong Valley, *	125	83	23		20		136				8	2	90		20 00	148 00	
	1	Heller's,†	116	70	12	3	14	6	111				3	1	50	1	17 00	300 00	
	2	Overton,																	
	1	Sunbury,	193	120	13		7	11	155	3			3	1	158		68 00	900 00	
	2	Weatherly,	175	145	60		6	5	100				9	1	120		3 00	700 00	
Total, 23.	78		7340	4524	770	20	458	124	5245	74		22	305	74	5004	7	$1413 00	$17,706 00	

Sebastian C. Mockel, Licentiate, Wilkesbarre, Pa. * Supplied by Rev. A. S. Stauffer. † Supplied by Rev. W. E. Krebs.

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William M. Landis,	5	Rebersburg,	272	167	18	1	25	6	240	6			3	5	185		92 00	677 00	Rebersburg, Centre do
Abraham Romich,	5	Beaver Springs,	550	300	49	4	37		449	3			15	4	400			600 00	Beaver Springs, Snyder do
Stephen S. Kohler,	4	New Berlin,	250	175	8			4	190	2			9	1	88		46 00	500 00	New Berlin, Union do
Samuel M. Roeder,	3	Centre Hall,	256	209	14		3	6	213	8			2	3	160		93 00	778 00	Centre Hall, Centre do
Isaac S. Stahr,	2	Lock Haven,	137	101	12		7	5	86	1		4	6	2	120		20 00	440 00	Lock Haven, Clinton do
Adam C. Whitmer,	3	Mifflinburg,	420	206	5		3	2	352	1			4	2	200			850 00	Mifflinburg, Union do
Vacant,	2	Bellefonte,	160	75	6		8	11	105	5			2	1	80	1	75 00	800 00	Bellefonte, Centre do
do	2	Lewisburg,	350	225	7		9	7	316	9			7	2	300		126 00	1200 00	Lewisburg, Union do
David G. Klein,		Without charge,																	Walker, Centre do
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,		Penn Hall Academy,																	Penn Hall, Centre do
Simon Wolf,		Licentiate,																	Lewisburg,, Union do
Franklin W. Brown,		do																	do do do
Simon P. Brown,		do																	McKees' Half Falls, Snyder do
Total, 19.	54		4,418	3004	271	28	243	102	3892	74		26	107	48	2865	3	$1,247 00	$15,097 00	

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	2	New Goshenhoppen,	969	600	40	3	54	12	899	5		5	48	2	534	1	$650 00	$508 00	East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	600	275	53	7	61	7	570	3			37	5	300		177 07	1200 00	Pennsburg, do do
Lawrence D. Leberman,	4	Pottstown,	870		88	2	27	9	812	3			29	4			128 00	1200 00	Pottstown, do do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Boyertown,	794	754	53	3	42	8	721	6			34	1	150		239 54	1160 00	Boyertown, Berks do
Simon M. K. Huber,	3	Wentz's,	700	270	22	10	22	10	585	4			21	2	340		128 00	6550 00	Worcester, Mont. do
Eli Keller,	4	Zionsville,	750	400	68	1	66	1	680	4			31	4	433	5	227 00		Zionsville, Lehigh do
L. Kryder Evans,	1	Trinity Church,	558	397	65	5	29	4	500	5			28	1	350		271 29	1329 00	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg,	650	20	56	1	46	7	470	4			30	4	175	1	32 00	200 00	Boyertown, Berks do
Daniel E. Schoedler, Sup.,	2	Oley & New Jerusalem	440	225	26		9		362	3			10	3	250	1	60 00	1000 00	Oley, Berks do
Franklin J. Mohr, do	1	Chestnut Hill,	85	65	5		10	1	78	1			2	1			24 10	250 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
Lewis C. Herman,		Without Charge,																	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Henry L. Gerhart,		Licentiate,																	Pennsburg, do do
David Y. Schaub,		do																	Hereford, Berks do
Percy Y. Schelly,		do																	Scheimersville, Lehigh do
David Christiman,		do																	Hereford, Berks do
Total, 14.	28		6416	3186	476	31	366	59	5677	38		5	270	27	2532	8	$1937 00	$13,397 00	

CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stu. Min'y.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William R. Yearick,		Superannuated,																	
David Rothrock,	2	Durham,	573	314	43		28	6	511	2			15	3	118		$156 00	$1,283 00	Durham, Bucks Co. Pa.
S. K. Gross,	2	Ridge Valley,	328	164	41	4	37	5	286	1		24	19	2	90		25 00	665 00	Schlichters, do do
L. C. Sheip,	1	Doylestown,	124	85	2			2	116					1	90		10 00	630 00	Doylestown, do do
A. F. Ziegler,	3	Keller's,	357	195	35		20	3	296	2		3	12	3	150	1	75 00	500 00	Bingen, Northampton do
Jacob Kehm,	2	Indian Creek,	925	775	59	6	20	1	798	14			31				202 00	1,190 00	Sellersville Bucks do
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	2	South Bethlehem,	240	180	44		12	21	170	2		15	13	2	210		40 00	650 00	S. Bethlehem, Northampt. do
Franklin J. Mohr,	3	Quakertown,	502	192	33	2	18	22	442	14			18	3	250		118 00	1,719 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
R. Leighton Gerhart,	1	Riegelsville,	197	75	13	1	4	6	150	1			1	1	192		139 00	1,023 00	Riegelsville, do do
James G. Dengler,	3	Sellersville,	365	180	18	5	15	5	325	2		1	20	2	125		110 00	1,083 00	Sellersville, do do
Robt. C. Weaver,	3	Friedensville,	575	255	74	3	46	2	466	3			27	5	141		76 00	1,020 00	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
G. W. Roth,	3	Tinicum,	383	110	21	4	19	4	280	2			13	3			59 00	468 00	Point Pleasant, Bucks do
A. B. Koplin,	3	Lower Saucon,	649	388	35		8	5	450	2			9	6	397	1	156 00	1,410 00	Hellertown, Northampt. do
Henry J. Welker,	1	Springfield,	270	121	20	2	31		190	1			9	1	140		64 00	525 00	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
J. M. Hartzel, do	1	Leidytown,	158	14	2	15	17	5	145	6				2	240		23 00	890 00	Chalfont, Bucks do
Vacant,	3	Hilltown,	416	244	4	1	1		359	7		3	10	3	302		40 00	870 00	
Brendle & Snyder, Supply,	2	South Easton,	272	165	15		16	8	140	2		10	7	4	150		50 00	680 00	
Henry J. Welker, do	1	Springtown,	50	23	3				43					1	80		10 00		
H. F. Seiple,		Without Charge,																	Lansdale, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Total, 16.	36		6384	3480	462	43	292	95	5077	61		56	204	42	2595	2	$1, 53 00	$14,806 00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Commun'd.	Excom.	Erased.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's	Contribu's Local Obj.	Stud'nts for the Min.
					Adults,	Infants,	Confir'd.	Certif'te										
East Pennsylvania,	39	95	16,095	10,221	16	1,601	823	171	12,425		145	166	676	147	9,803	$4,971	$40.773	25
Lebanon,	40	82	17,629	10,555	71	1,426	990	238	12,488	7	53	109	568	102	9,702	5,350	48,642	12
Philadelphia,	30	22	3,437	830	60	96	129	116	2,794		9	32	62	24	2,648	1,612	19,167	2
Lancaster,	25	38	3,888	1,955	82	250	223	105	3,191		17	36	97	32	2,887	1,941	14,367	2
East Susquehanna,	23	78	7.340	4,524	20	770	458	124	5,245		22	74	305	74	5,004	1,413	17,706	7
West Susquehanna,	19	54	4.418	3,004	28	271	243	102	3,892		26	74	107	48	2,865	1.247	15,097	3
Goshenhoppen,	14	28	6,416	3,186	31	476	366	59	5,677		5	38	270	27	2,532	1,937	13,397	8
Tohickon,	16	36	6,384	3,480	43	462	292	95	5,077		56	61	204	42	2,595	1,353	14,806	2
Total, 8 Classes,	206	433	65,607	37,755	351	5,352	3,524	1,010	50,789	7	333	590	2,289	496	38,036	$19,824	$183,955	61
Synod of Ohio, 11 Classes,	145	293	20,954	10,221	546	1,872	2,180	984	17,662	21	486	392	560	232	17,649	$ 9,089	$112,854	18
Synod of the North West, 10 Classes,	158	240	21,509	15,327	42	3,003	1,996	1.331	17,009	116	339	366	844	209	14,037	17,342	109,997	27
Synod of Pittsburgh, 5 Classes,	56	116	10,808	8,114	74	854	606	264	8,950	1	82	150	276	98	6,586	5 180	37,267	11
Synod of the Potomac, 7 Classes,	127	263	26,681	15,986	230	1,977	1,474	632	23,120	4	99	385	739	244	16,776	11,471	89,301	28
Eastern German Synod, 5 Classes,	42	38	9,183	5,759	15	1,533	606	396	7,513	79	79	97	325	40	5,709	3,331	66,025	3
Grand Total, 6 Synods, 46 Classes,	734	1383	154,742	93,162	1,258	14,596	10386	4,617	125,042	228	1,418	1,980	5,033	1,319	98,793	$66,237	$599,399	148

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, held in Myerstown, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the twentieth and closed at noon on the twenty-sixth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Sessions were opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Martin A. Smith, prior to which the President, Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., preached a sermon from John i. 23: "*I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers: Martin A. Smith, Joseph E. Freeman, and Isaac K. Loos.

Elders: Thomas T. Miller,[a] and Enos Ackerman.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers: Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., William F. P. Davis, Allen R. Bartholomew, Aaron S. Leinbach, William M. Reily, Ph. D., Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D., and M. L. Fritch.[2]

Elders: Henry Loose, Edward Shuey, Jacob K. Funk,[b] William F. Hoffman,[c] James L. Miller,[2c] and Daniel Stein.[2]

☞ The figure at the end of the name indicates the day of the sessions, on which the delegate took his seat.

[a] Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the sessions.

[b] Obtained leave of absence on the fifth day of the sessions.

[c] Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the sessions.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers: David Van Horne, D.D., J. Samuel Vanders vid E. Klopp, D. D , and John H. Sechler.
Elders: Richard W. Eastlack, Alexander Hoffman,[e] an Detwiler.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers: Jared P. Moore, Stephen Schweitzer, David I Jonathan H. Pannebecker, and William H. H. Snyder.[3]
Elders: Samuel W. Hersh, Jacob Gorgas, Henry Ma Andrew T. G. Apple.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers: Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., and Eli Keller.
Elder: Samuel W. Rudy.[2]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers: William C. Schaeffer, Edward D. Miller, Th Hacker, and William G. Engle.[3]
Elders: John M. Bieshline, and Frederick Knies.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers: Adam C. Whitmer, John F. De Long,[e] and H. Groh.
Elders: Henry Yearick and John G. Brown.

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Ministers: J. Calvin Leinbach, George W. Roth and Rothrock.
Elders: William Walters, John L. Boyer and Josiah W.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

Ministers: Thomas N. Reber, Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., A. Leinbach,[2] and Alfred J. G. Dubbs.[2]
Elders: Owen L. Schreiber, Thomas F. Butz, Solomon mer,[2k] and Reuben H. Kramm.[2]

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[e] Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the sessions.

[f] Was succeeded by the *secundus*, Rev. Levi K. Derr, on the fifth sessions.

[k] Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the sessions.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present during one or more sessions:

From the Classis of Lebanon. Rev. George Wolff, D. D., Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., Adam J. Bachman, Thomas C. Leinbach, Henry Leisse, Charles F. McCauley, D. D., John H. Leinbach, Henry Mosser, John W. Steinmetz, Benjamin Bausman, D. D., and George W. Aughinbaugh, D. D.

From the Classis of Philadelphia. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Joseph Hannaberry, George S. Sorber, and Elder Jacob G. Brown.

From the Classis of Lancaster. Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, Albert R. Thompson, Theodore Appel, D. D., George W. Snyder, and Elders William H. Seibert, and John J. Nissley.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna. Rev. Solomon B. Schafer, and Benjamin S. Metzger.

From the Classis of Lehigh. Licentiate William J. Kessler.

Synod of the Potomac. Rev. David U. Wolff and Cyrus H. Reiter.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced at different intervals during the sessions.

From the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. Mr. Long.

From the Evangelical Association. Rev. Mr. Albright.

From the United Brethren in Christ. Rev. J. Light.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach was chosen *President.**

Rev. J. Samuel Vandersloot was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., is *Stated Clerk.*

Elder John J. Nissley was re-elected *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the first six pews from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions:

The *Morning session* to open at nine and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

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* During the absence of the President on the fourth day of the sessions, the chair was occupied by the Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D.

The *Afternoon session* to open at half-past one and close at five o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were announced by the President:

Minutes of Synod: Revs. John F. De Long, Jonathan H. Pannebecker, J. Calvin Leinbach and Elders Andrew T. G. Apple and Jones Detwiler.

Overtures: Revs. Martin A. Smith, Jared P. Moore, Joseph E. Freeman, and Elders John. M. Bieshline and Thomas T. Miller.

Correspondence with Sister Churches: Revs. J. Samuel Vandersloot, Adam C. Whitmer, Stephen Schweitzer, and Elders Richard W. Eastlack and Frederick Knies.

Minutes of Classes: Revs. David B. Shuey, William C. Schaeffer, David Rothrock, and Elders William F. Hoffman and Henry Yearick.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination: Revs. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., David Van Horne, D. D., Martin A. Smith, and Elders Jacob K. Funk and Owen L. Schreiber.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports: Revs. Isaac K. Loos, Thomas N. Reber, John H. Sechler, and Elders William Walters and Edward Shuey.

Theological Seminary:—Revs. Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D., Samuel A. Leinbach, Allen R. Bartholomew and Elders Solomon Griesemer and Alexander Hoffman.

Missions:—Revs. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., Edward D. Miller, Thomas J. Hacker, and Elders John G. Brown and John L. Boyer.

Finance:—Revs. Eli Keller, Allen R. Bartholomew, George W. Roth, and Elders Henry Martin and Henry Loose.

Nominations:—Revs. William H. Groh, William F. P. Davis, William M. Reily, Ph. D., and Elders Thomas F. Butz and Enos Ackerman.

Publication:—Revs. David E. Klopp, D.D., Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., David B. Shuey, and Elders Jacob K. Funk and Jacob Gorgas.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1.) The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon and Lehigh, were received and referred

to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

2.) The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3.) The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

4.) The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

5.) The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

6.) The Minutes of the last Annual Sessions of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

7.) Other documents were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Sessions of Synod was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted their report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted. This report is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, beg leave to report the following items of unfinished business:

Item 1, p. 10. Rev. John A. Peters was elected Delegate *Primarius*, and Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D.D., Delegate *Secundus*, to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Item 2, p. 26. Synod directs the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary to pay its Professors a percentage of their salaries, until such time as Synod can pay them in full.

Item 3, p. 26. Synod requests the several Classes to appoint some particular time for each pastor to lift a special collection to meet the deficiency in the salaries of our Seminary Professors.

Item 4, p. 26. A recommendation to the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac to take action concurrent with the two preceding items.

Item 5, p. 44. Instructions to the several Classes to give special attention to the cause of Missions and at their Annual Meetings to lift special collections for this object.

Item 6, p. 44. The congregations and Sunday-schools, are directed to lift special collections for Missions during the Advent, or Epiphany season of the year.

Item 7, p. 44. Synod requests the several Classes, wherever possible, to connect their Missions with other congregations and changes.

Item 8, p. 45. Every congregation is urged to contribute at least once, a year, towards Foreign Missions.

Item 9, p. 51. Synod earnestly urges all the Classes to pay their back-standing assessments without delay.

Item 10, p. 54. Instruction to Sunday-school Board, to select speakers and topics relating to Sunday-schools, for discussion at the present meeting.

Item 11, p. 60. A request to Synods of Pittsburg and Potomac, to concur with this body in an action referring to the editorial arrangement of the *Messenger*, and the general management of our publication interests.

Item 12, p. 61. The appointment of a committee to prepare a tract on "The Duty and Privilege of Giving to the Support of the Benevolent Operations of the Church."

Item 13, p. 64. The appointment of delegates to the Peace Commissions to meet in Harrisburg, November 26th, 1879.

Item 14, p. 65. Instruction to President and Stated Clerk, to communicate to all the other District Synods, the desire of this Synod, that both Theological tendencies be equally represented on the Peace Commission, and that the conclusions of said commission should be unanimous.

Item 15, p. 61. Report of committee to prepare an edition of "Hymns for Reformed Church," with music.

Item 16, p. 65. The organization of a new Classis within the bounds of East Pennsylvania Classis.

Item 17, p. 62. Instruction to Stated Clerk with regard to publication of Minutes of Synod.

Item 18, p, 68. Synod requests the several Classes to take action, aiding the Womelsdorf Orphans' Home in liquidating its indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. De Long,
J. H. Pannebecker,
J. Calvin Leinbach,
Andrew T. G. Apple,
Jones Detwiler.
} *Committee.*

For report of the delegate referred to in item 1, see Article IX. Correspondence with Sister Churches. For the result of the action reported on items 2 and 4, see Article XIII. Theological Seminary; on items 3, 5, 7, 16 and 18, see Article X. Minutes of Classes; on item 9, see Article XV. Finance; on item 10, see Article XVIII. Sunday-Schools; on items 12, 15 and 17, see Article XIX. Publication; on items 13, 14 and 16, see Article XX. Church Government. The remaining items in the report were adopted.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was taken up item by item and adopted:

Item 1. A communication from Rev. H. A. Brickenstein, delegate of the Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church to this body.

Item 2. A notice of the complaint of D. Y. Shaub, against the action of the Goshenhoppen Classis in revoking his license.

Item 3. A communication from the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, calling the attention of Synod to the importance of establishing an Emigrant Mission in the city of New York.

Item 4. A communication from Rev. C. Cort, President of the Board of Missions, of Iowa Classis, asking Synod to aid them in the prosecution of the work of Missions in Iowa.

Item 5. Report of the Committee on the "Reformirte Hausfreund."

Item 6. A communication from the Faculty of "Palatinate College," inviting Synod to visit said institution.

Respectfully submitted.

M. A. SMITH,
J. P. MOORE,
J. E. FREEMAN,
THOMAS T. MILLER. } *Committee.*

As the communication referred to in item 1, was evidently intended for the General Synod to meet in Tiffin, Ohio, on the 18th of May, 1881, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to return it to its author, and inform him of this fact.

For the action, of Synod on item 2, see Article XVII. Complaints; on items 3 and 4, see Article XIV. Missions; on item 5, see Article XIX. Publication, and on item 6, see Article XXI. Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following report was received from the delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, accompanied with a copy of the Minutes of the last Annual Session of said Ministerium. Both documents were referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches:

Your delegate appointed to convey the friendly greetings of this Synod to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which met in the church of the Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa., May 23d, 1880, begs leave to report:

That he attended to the duty assigned him, and that his greetings were responded to by Rev. W. J. Mann, D.D., the president of that body.

The attention of Synod is directed to the following resolution found on page 40, of the printed Minutes of their meeting in Lancaster, Pa.

"*Resolved*, That the custom of appointing delegates annually, to other Synods, be discontinued, excepting the New York Ministerium, with which this Ministerium holds special relations; and that delegates to other Synods be appointed only when special occasion or business demands it."

JOS. B. SHUMAKER.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 18th, 1880.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, submitted the following report:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, report:

That our delegate, Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D.D., attended the meeting of the Lutheran Ministerium, at Lancaster, on May 23d, 1880. The following resolution is found on page 40, of the printed Minutes of the said Ministerium; to which the attention of Synod is directed by our delegate.

"*Resolved*, That the custom of appointing delegates annually to other Synods, be discontinued, excepting the New York Ministerium, with which this Ministerium holds special relations, and that delegates to other Synods be appointed only when special occasion or business demands it." J. S. VANDERSLOOT, *Chairman.*

The report was received and the resolution it reports was referred to a committee consisting of the Revs. Eli Keller, William F. P. Davis, Alfred J. G. Dubbs, and Elders Owen L. Schreiber and William Walters.

This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on our relation to the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is with sincere regret, that we have observed for years, a growing indifference and alienation, on the part of *that* Church, which we acknowledge: "a Twin-sister of the Reformation," and with which we stand related, in our congregations and families, by so many tender ties of kindred and of friendship; and this the more, since we are permitted to experience, within our own communion, as well as in the Protestant Church at large, a growing unity, in answer to the constant and all-prevailing Intercession of the Lord, as recorded, John 17th chap. Yet, our records bear testimony, that we have discouraged the building of Union-churches, only, after we were thus requested, and now also, withdraw the hand of a cordial interchange of delegates, when that hand is rejected; nevertheless, we pronounce no harsh "damnamus," but evermore, as God shall give us grace, a hearty "amamus."

Respectfully submitted,

ELI KELLER, *Chairman.*
A. J. G. DUBBS,
WM. WALTERS,
W. F. P. DAVIS,
O. L. SCHREIBER, *Committee.*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, amended, and adopted. The report, as amended, is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Classes report as follows:

The Minutes of the different Classes came into their hands, among which are the Minutes of the newly organized Classis of Lehigh.

I. Irregularities.

1. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis failed to give a sufficient number of marginal references.
2. The Stated Clerk of the Philadelphia Classis failed to mention the name of the church, in which it is to hold its next Annual Meeting. (p. 6.)
3. The Stated Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis fails to state what action was taken on items 1, 2, 16, 22 and 23 in report on Minutes of Classis. (p. 16.)
4. The Stated Clerk of West Susquehanna Classis failed to give a sufficient number of marginal references.
5. East Pennsylvania Classis re-enrolled Rev. Frederick H. Schwartz, after having dismissed him to Lehigh Classis, without a certificate of dismissal from the Lehigh Classis. (p. 37.)
6. The Stated Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis failed to record whether Charles F. Sontag signed the Constitutional formula. (p. 31.)
7. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis failed to report the Minutes of a special meeting held November 28th, 1879. (p. 8, item 17.)
8. Tohickon Classis installed Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, without making any record of his reception. (p. 8, item 18, p. 11.)

II. Requests.

1. Philadelphia Classis requests to be exonerated from the assessments for Sinking Fund. (p. 26.)
2. East Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to exonerate it from one half of the amount assessed upon it for Home Missions. (p. 36.)
3. The same Classis requests Synod to excuse it from the payment of $351.00 for the English Missions at Washington, D. C., at least for the present year. (p. 37.)
4. Goshenhoppen Classis requests Synod to forestall the multiplication of Church publications. (p. 8.)
5. The same Classis requests Synod to consider the propriety of dispensing with the Superintendency of Missions. (p. 15.)
6. The same Classis requests Synod to equalize the respective apportionments on the basis of reported communicant membership. (p. 16.)

III. Subjects Referred to Classes by Synod.

1. All the Classes report progress on the request of Synod, in reference to preparing histories of the congregations.
2. West Susquehanna Classis, in reference to item 7, under irregularities in last year's report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, informs Synod, that it did not admit its Elders without credentials, but that the Stated Clerk simply failed to record the fact. (p. 20.)
3. Tohickon Classis did not see its way clear to order a special collection in behalf of the Theological Seminary. (p. 16, item 5.)
4. Goshenhoppen Classis took similar action. (p. 11.)
5. Philadelphia, Lebanon and East Susquehanna Classes failed to take any notice of the request of Synod on this subject.
6. Lehigh Classis tabled this request. (p. 17.)
7. East Pennsylvania, Lancaster, and West Susquehanna Classes, complied with the request.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers: David Van Horne, D.D., J. Samuel Vandersloot, David E. Klopp, D. D., and John H. Sechler.
Elders: Richard W. Eastlack, Alexander Hoffman,[e] and Jones Detwiler.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers: Jared P. Moore, Stephen Schweitzer, David B. Shuey, Jonathan H. Pannebecker, and William H. H. Snyder.[g]
Elders: Samuel W. Hersh, Jacob Gorgas, Henry Martin, and Andrew T. G. Apple.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers: Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., and Eli Keller.
Elder: Samuel W. Rudy.[g]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers: William C. Schaeffer, Edward D. Miller, Thomas J. Hacker, and William G. Engle.[g]
Elders: John M. Bieshline, and Frederick Knies.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers: Adam C. Whitmer, John F. De Long,[e] and William H. Groh.
Elders: Henry Yearick and John G. Brown.

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Ministers: J. Calvin Leinbach, George W. Roth and David Rothrock.
Elders: William Walters, John L. Boyer and Josiah W. Leidy.[g]

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

Ministers: Thomas N. Reber, Samuel G. Wagner, D. D.,[f] Samuel A. Leinbach,[g] and Alfred J. G. Dubbs.[g]
Elders: Owen L. Schreiber, Thomas F. Butz, Solomon Griesemer,[h] and Reuben H. Kramm.[g]

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[e] Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the sessions.

[f] Was succeeded by the *secundus*, Rev. Levi K. Derr, on the fifth day of the sessions.

[h] Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the sessions.

7. Tohickon Classis, dismissed Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart to West Susquehanna Classis.

8. Revs. William A. Helfrich, D. D., J. Sassaman Herman, Levi K. Derr, Alfred J. Herman, William R. Hofford, Abram Bartholomew, N. S. Strassburger, Edward J. Fogel, Samuel A. Leinbach, Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., Alfred J. G. Dubbs, Benj. Weiss, Jared Fritzinger, Thomas N. Reber, James N. Bachman, Nathan C. Schaeffer, Isaac E. Graeff, Frederick H. Schwartz and William J. Peters, having been dismissed by East Pennsylvania Classis for the purpose of organizing a new Classis, organized at a meeting held in Salem's Reformed Church, Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa., May 4th, 1880, at 2 o'clock, P. M., under the name of Lehigh Classis. Afterwards the Classis licensed Tobias Kessler; received Rev. J. H. Hartman, the licentiates Nevin W. A. Helfrich and Chas. H. Heimberger from East Pennsylvania Classis,

9. The Classis of Lancaster, licensed Oliver H. Strunck; ordained the licentiates Albert R. Thompson and Simon P. Brown; received licentiate Albert R. Thompson from Philadelphia Classis, licentiate Simon P. Brown from West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. James A. Crawford from West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter from Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh; dismissed Rev. Jacob F. Wiant to Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and licentiate Oliver H. Strunck to East Susquehanna Classis.

Time and Place of Meeting.

1. The Classis of East Pennsylvania will meet in Annual Sessions in St. John's Reformed Church, East Mauch Chunk, Carbon County, Pa., on Friday, after Ascension day, May 27th; 1881, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Daniel F. Brendle, *President*, and Rev. Tilghman O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

2. The Classis of Lebanon will meet in Annual Sessions in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Mahanoy City, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, at 8 o'clock, P. M., 1881. Rev. Henry Mosser, *President*, and Rev. John P. Stein, *Stated Clerk*.

3. The Classis of Philadelphia will meet in Annual Sessions in Wyoming, Kent County, Delaware, June 10th, 1881, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. James I. Good, *President*, and Rev. John H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk*.

4. The Classis of Lancaster will meet in Annual Sessions in Zion's Reformed Church, Millersville, Lancaster County, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, June 9th, 1881, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Daniel C. Tobias, *President*, and Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

5. The Classis of East Susquehanna will meet in Annual Sessions in St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, Pa., on the first Wednesday after Whitsunday, 1881, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Edward D. Miller, *President*, Rev. David O. Shoemaker, *Stated Clerk*.

6. The Classis of West Susquehanna will meet in Annual Sessions in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pa., on the first Wednesday of May, 1881, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. John F. De Long, *President*, and Rev. William A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

7. The Classis of Goshenhoppen will meet in Annual Sessions in Trinity Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa., on May 4th, 1881, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Levi K. Evans, *President*, and Rev. Lucian J. [illegible]ner, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of Tohickon will meet in Annual Sessions in Christ

Reformed Church, Hellertown, Pa., on the first Friday after Easter, April 22d, 1881, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Jacob Kehm, *President*, and Rev. Nathaniel Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

9. The Classis of Lehigh will meet in Annual Sessions in St. Jacob's Church, Jacksonville, Lehigh County, Pa., on the first Friday after Easter, April 22d, 1881, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Alfred J. G. Dubbs, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY,
WM. C. SCHAEFFER,
D. ROTHTROCK,
W. F. HOFFMAN,
HENRY YEARICK.
} *Committee.*

The judgment of the Committee in regard to the several items reported as irregularities was affirmed.

For the action of Synod on Request Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6, see Article XV. Finance: on Request 4, see Article XIX. Publication, and on Request No. 5, see Article XIV. Missions.

The several items reported as Subjects referred to the Classes were adopted, and the request reported in item 10, was renewed to the several Classes. The other items in the report were all approved without discussion, except the action of the Classis of Goshenhoppen, revoking the license of David Y. Schaub. For the action of Synod in regard to it, see Article XX. Church Government.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Examination and Licensure would respectfully report, that no applicants came before them.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Z. WEISER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following Report was received from the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics and adopted:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The facts, which your Committee has been able to gather from the reports of the Classes composing this Synod, are embodied in the following narrative.

The reports are full of gratitude to God for His goodness to the several Classes; of grief and penitence for the short-comings of pastors

and people. But pastors, like their great predecessor St. Paul, can do all things, Christ strengthening them; and they are faithfully at work in the Lord's service in their separate fields of labor—exercising the three functions of the ministry, worship, preaching and catechizing, under a due sense of their responsibility to their divine Master. The Old Testament separated the functions of priest and prophet, which are beautifully blended in the New Testament ministry. Christ has appointed, in addition to His apostles, ministers in His Church to be His ambassadors, messengers, pastors and overseers, prophets, rulers and stewards, teachers, watchmen and witnesses. Their calling is a holy one. And it is well, that the people generally, whom they serve, esteem them very highly for their work's sake. They come charged with joyful news to the Churches—the solemn Word of the Lord to the people: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand, repent ye and believe the Gospel." They hold tenaciously to the fact and necessity of divine authority in the Church of Christ; the fact and necessity of an authoritative teaching function in the Church; the fact that the sacraments are efficacious bearers of divine grace, the historical perpetuity of the Church, and other facts and doctrines of vital importance. They proclaim the whole truth. Silence is treachery.

And there is still the old power in the Truth as we have it in the Bible, whose first and chief dogma is the union of humanity and divinity in the person of Jesus Christ; the old power in its history and biography; and in its types, in which the doctrines of the Gospel were made known from the foundation of the world—in the range of prophecies relating to Christ—in its doctrines of God, Christ, and every branch of divine truth—its warnings, invitations, promises and precepts. This Jesus and His Word our brethren preach, and as they preach they also baptize the little lambs, bringing them into covenant grace and engrafting them into Christ. It is well to transplant the young; few old trees are transplanted.

We are pleased, also, to learn, that our pastors abound in labors in another direction. They give large attention to Sunday-schools, and, either as pastors or teachers, aid others in feeding the lambs of the Good Shepherd.

From the Sunday-school the young of the flock grow into the catechetical class; and here, too, the pastors lead them, and build them up in the faith of Christ.

Catechization, as that used to hold under the methods of our fathers, is reviving; catechumens are more generally brought to commit the Catechism to memory, the whole service being made to take the place of the lecturing once too common. This is Christian nurture—the scriptural method of training the young in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion; and of receiving them then by "the laying on of hands" into full communion with the Church of Christ.

Systematic pastoral visitation seems also to be receiving increased attention, and this, with fidelity in the study and the pulpit and the daily walk, fails not to produce its blessed effects on the state of religion and morals in all the charges.—The Lord's Supper is more highly appreciated by many than formerly, the Sabbath better observed, and a more consistent Christian life led on the part of many people.

In the grace of liberality, too, manifesting itself in benevolent contributions, we observe, with pleasure, a marked advance over former years. Nevertheless, we still lack here. While many know the blessed-

ness of alms-giving, and properly regard it as worship, others fail to taste this grace, and give grudgingly. Many, who are rich in this world's goods, sow sparingly, forgetting that the larger the Lord's farm, the greater the rent. But the life of Christ in His people will enable them to grow in charity also. The congregational Missionary Societies, which have been, and which will yet be organized, will not fail to contribute to this end. We rejoice to read, that in many fields Church debts are diminishing—a hopeful indication of progress in the right direction.

In one of the reports the irritation caused by "Union" churches, and the conflict of languages, is spoken of and deplored.

But a few Classes refer to the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, and justly express their regret that it is often so slimly attended. This is an interest which cannot be too highly commended to the earnest consideration of God's needy people

The Peace movement is accepted with grateful hearts and suitable thank offerings unto God. We have come to a halt in our theological controversies. Peace—it ought to grow speedily into *friendship*—is formulated, and the co-operation in Church work of brethren heretofore divided, may result in great good to the cause of Christ.

But not on all have the means of grace the above blessed effects. To some the Gospel is a savor of death unto death. The Dead Sea drinks in the Jordan, and is never the sweeter; the ocean all other rivers, and is never the fresher. If our Gospel be hid, it is hid unto them that are lost, in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. One report speaks with sadness of the increase of scepticism among the masses. And a striking peculiarity in several reports is their apologetic character—a fact, which shows the deep interest felt in the conflict of Christianity with modern forms of unbelief. Much of the so-called science of to-day is, unfortunately, enlisted in the service of infidelity, and its advocates know nothing of that infinitely higher wisdom which offered salvation unto men—the acceptance of which, by faith in Jesus Christ, is the most reasonable service. And it is well for the Church to remember, that these common forms of unbelief are more formidable foes to the Cross of Christ than those flagrant heresies and pretentious atheism, which attract much attention to their chief advocates, but have comparatively little power over the multitude. Satan harasses our age with doubts; but our ministers, ever on the alert, and leading the Lord's hosts, meet the adversary and his agents with the Word of the Lord. They attack the foe and defend the Truth. It is the story of the Sword and the Trowel, enacted on the field of Theoretical and Practical Theology in 1880. And this unbelief, too, must yield. In the time of St. Athanasius, some Christians were alarmed at the attempts of the Emperor Julian to destroy Christianity, but that good Church Father calmly replied: *Nebicula est; transibit* (It is a little cloud; it will pass alway). So this, too. Let us not ask to be spared the contest; for this would deprive us of the triumph. There is no victory without contest and without danger. Life is a battle, not a hymn. We are not only armor bearers, but armor-wearers; and though we may not be always in the battle, we are always in the field. Be not afraid. Christ walks on the waters and quiets the storm. We are soldiers of the Overcomer, and have the promise that we too shall come off conquerors, and more than

conquerors, through Him that loved us and gave Himself for us. God still looketh upon His Church in love. The powers He gave her were given in perpetuity, and, like Himself, are *with us alway.*

Here we rest. The Church militant will become—is now in progress of becoming—the Church triumphant. The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman.*

[For Statistical Reports, see Appendix.]

The following religious services were observed during the Sessions of Synod:

1.) The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious services.

2.) Rev. George Wolff, D.D., William M. Reily, Ph. D., Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., and Elders Henry Loose and Jacob K. Funk, were appointed early in the sessions, a Committee on Religious Services, who reported at intervals their several appointments, which were approved. The report, as finally adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Services offer the following as their report:

THURSDAY EVENING.

Divine Services, Sermon, Dr. Van Horne.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Sunday-School Institute.—1st topic, Sunday-school Library, Rev. Dr. S. G. Wagner. 2d topic, The Social Element in the Sunday-school, Rev. Alfred J. G. Dubbs. 3d topic, Sunday-school Celebrations, Rev. Eli Keller.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Preparatory Services in the German Language. Sermon by Dr. Jonathan E. Hiester.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Sunday-school Institute.—1st topic, Proper Organization of the Sunday-school, Rev. Adam C. Whitmer. 2d topic, The Order of Exercises in the Sunday-school, Dr. David E. Klopp. 3d topic, The Infant Department of the Sunday-school, Rev. Isaac K. Loos.

Those who open the discussion shall be allowed fifteen minutes, after which the subjects shall be open for voluntary remarks, not exceeding five minutes.

The chairman of the Committee on Religious Services is to preside at the Sunday-school Institute.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Eli Keller.

SUNDAY AFTERNC

Addresses to the Sunday-school, by Rev Shuey and Elder Thomas T. Miller.

SUNDAY EVENI

Communion. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Dav

APPOINTMENTS FOR NEIGHBO

Preparatory Services at Tulpehocken, S by Rev. Martin A. Smith.

Tulpehocken Church. Sunday morning,

United Brethren Church, Myerstown. S H. Groh. Sunday evening, Rev. Joseph E

Reformed Church, Rehrersburg. Prepar A. M. Sermon by Rev. David Rothrock. Sunday morning Communion. Sermon

Reformed Church, Mt. Etna. Sund: W. Roth.

Reformed Church, Womelsdorf. Prepara M. Sermon by Rev. Henry Leisse. Commu mon by Rev. M. L. Fritch.

First Reformed Church, Lebanon. Sun Engle; 7½ P. M., Rev. Dr. David Van Hor

St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon. William H. H. Snyder; 7½ P. M., Rev. Dr.

Kimmerling's Reformed Church. Sund: Reiter.

Little Tulpehocken. Sunday, 10 A. M., I

Host Church. 2 P. M., Rev. Stephen Scl

Stouchsburg Union Church. Sunday, 2 Klopp.

Lutheran Church, Rehrersburg, Pa. R

Evangelical Church, Myerstown. Sunda Schaeffer.

United Brethren Church, Mt. Etna. Sun N. Reber.

Second Reformed Church, Reading, P evening, Rev. John F. Delong.

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ARTICLE XI

THEOLOGICAL SEM

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRU

a). Report of Board of

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCI

Brethren: The Board of Trustees of th leave to present their Annual Report:

The Board met twice during the year, and transacted the usual routine business. We have no suggestions to make requiring the action of Synod.

The Treasurer's Report will exhibit the financial status of the institution, which, we are glad to say, is somewhat improved since our last report, owing to the receipt of a donation of $5000, for the endowment fund, from an anonymous source. The Board is ready to receive more anonymous letters of the same kind. This donation came to us already invested, and bearing interest from January 1st, 1880.

It is our sad duty to announce to your reverend body, the death of Elder William A. Wilt, of York, Pa., who was, for a long time, a member of this Board. At its last meeting the Board adopted the following paper in reference to this loss to the Church:

"Since our last meeting, one of our members has been called from his labors in this life to enter into that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Brother William A. Wilt died at his home, in York, Pa., on Sunday morning, September 5th, 1880. His life and labors in the Church bear witness to his earnestness and zeal, as a follower of Jesus Christ, and we are glad to add our testimony to his faithfulness as a member of this Board. He has joined the company of the redeemed of all ages, and we give thanks for the good example he has left behind him, to encourage those of us who follow after, in the way of life. He manifested his interest in the institution we represent by a liberal bequest to its endowment fund, thus verifying his faith by his works."

We earnestly pray that these two examples of liberality, the one in the spirit of not letting the right hand know what the left hand doeth, and the other like the parting blessing of a dying saint, may stir up many others in the Church to go and do likewise.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President.*
JNO. B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*
EDW. J ZAHM, *Rec. Secretary.*

LANCASTER, PA. Oct. 7th, 1880.

The following is the statement of the Treasurer referred to in the above report:

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

1879.		DR.	
Oct. 29.	For Int.	received on Loan	$ [illegible]
" 30.	"	from A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, 1879	101
" 30.	"	" E. M. Killough to Nov. 1, 1879	7[illegible]
Nov. 3.	"	" Jacob Heyser to Oct. 1, 1879	12[illegible]
" 10.	"	" F. W. Vandersloot, in full	14[illegible]
Dec. 8.	"	" Kieffer Legacy to Oct. 6 1879	28[illegible]
" 8.	"	" Cook " Oct. 6, 1879	21
" 27.	"	" Rev. J. W. Love to Nov. 1, 1879	6
" 30.	"	" H. Stamm, Treasurer	5
1880.			
Jan. 24.	"	on Loan	2
" 30.	"	" Loan	1
Feb. 2.	"	" Bond of E. Susq. Classis to Jan., 1880	60
" 7.	"	" Geo. W. Schroyer to Feb. 8, 1880	105
" 9.	"	" G. W. Houseworth to Feb. 3, 1880	45
" 13.	"	on account Geo. Sarbaugh	110
March 1.	"	of Jno. Becker to Feb. 28, 1880	240
" 24.	"	" Geo. Houseworth to April 1, 1880	14
" 30.	"	" E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1880	307
" 30.	"	on Loan	3
April 5.	"	" Geo. Besore Bond to Jan. 1, 1880	30
" 7.	"	" Horst Mortgage to April 1, 1880	116
" 20.	"	" Jacob Heyser to April 1, 1880	120
" 23.	"	" Kieffer Legacy to April 1, 1880	285
" 23.	"	" Cook " April 1, 1880	36
" 29.	"	" E. M. Killough to May 1, 1880	75
April 29.	"	of J. B. Roth to April 1, 1880	330
May 11.	"	" Rev. W. A. Haas, interest account W. S. C.	3
" 18.	"	" A. M. Steacy to June 13, 1880	48
June 16.	"	on Gift of $5000, to July 1, 1880	150
" 21.	"	" Bond of Mercersburg Classis July 1, 1880	60
July 15.	For dividend	Harrisburg B. Co. Stock	5
" 22.	For int.	on account of Geo. Sarbaugh	100
" 26.	"	" Sale of Mansdale Cong. Danville charge	15
" 26.	"	" Bond Lebanon Classis to June 30, 1880	30
Aug. 4.	"	" Geo. Schroyer to Aug. 8, 1880	105
" 5.	"	of W. E. Schmertz to Jan. 1, 1880	30
" 6.	"	" Rev. N. S. Strassburger Lehigh Classis int.	15
" 17.	"	" W. L. Harbaugh to August 13, 1880	30
" 21.	"	on account of Geo. Sarbaugh	[illegible]
" 28.	"	of John Becker to date	240
Sept. 4.	"	" Rev. J. W. Love to Nov. 1, 1880	[illegible]
" 4.	"	" A. M. Eyerman to Aug. 10, 1881	[illegible]
" 9.	"	on account of Rev. Haas Trea., W. Susq. Classis	[illegible]
" 27.	"	" Geo. Houseworth to Oct. 1, 1880	[illegible]
Oct. 1.	"	" Building Fund to date	[illegible]
" 7.	"	" " "	[illegible]
" 7.	"	" East Penn. Classis to Oct. 1, 1880	[illegible]
" 11.	"	" Amount balance due Treasurer	[illegible]
			$ [illegible]

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. 20.	By Bal. due Treasurer to date	$995	59
v. 6.	By amt. paid E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on account	100	00
6.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., on account	100	00
6.	" F. A. Gast on account	100	00
ec. 3.	" Thos. G. Apple, D.D., on account	200	00
" 3.	" E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on account	200	00
" 3.	" F. A. Gast, D.D., on account	200	00
" 18.	By Troyer's Bill and Ck. Book	2	50
1880.			
Jan. 2.	By Jos. R. Goodell's Coal Bill of 1878	67	80
" 2.	" Thos. G. Apple, on account	100	00
" 12.	" Jno. L. Arnold, on Repairs	7	15
" 12.	" M. V. B. Coho Coal Bill of 1879	42	00
" 16.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account	150	00
" 16.	" T. G. Apple, on account	100	00
" 16.	" F. A. Gast, on account	100	00
" 16.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer, F. & M. Co	50	00
March 3.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account	100	00
" 3.	" T. G. Apple, on account	100	00
" 3.	" F. A. Gast, on account	100	00
" 19.	" Repairs at E. V. Gerhart's House		.75
" 29.	" ⅓ of Steinman & Hensel's Bill of Catalogue	17	34
April 5.	" paid for Kindling-wood	1	00
" 6.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account	200	00
" 6.	" T. G. Apple, on account	200	00
" 6.	" F. A. Gast, on account	100	00
" 20.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer F. & M. Co	50	00
" 21.	" Receipt Book for Treasurer	1	25
" 30.	" E. V. Gerhart, Salary in full to April 1, 1880	175	00
" 30.	" Thos. G. Apple, Salary in full to April 1, 1880	125	00
April 30.	" F. A. Gast Salary to April 1, 1880	100	00
May 31.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account	200	00
" 31.	" Thos. G. Apple, on account	200	00
" 31.	" F. A. Gast, on account	200	00
June 29.	" E. V. Gerhart to July 1, 1880	175	00
" 29.	" Thos. G. Apple to July 1, 1880	175	00
" 29.	" F. A. Gast, to July 1, 1880	50	00
July 2.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer F. & M. Co	50	00
" 10.	" O. Hecht's Bill repairs	9	00
" 16.	" Deepening Well at Dr. Apple's	29	43
" 23.	" Painting Bill	7	17
Aug. 2.	" Thos. G. Apple on Salary	200	00
" 2.	" E. V. Gerhart, on Salary	200	00
" 2.	" F. A. Gast, on Salary	150	00
Sept. 17.	" E. V. Gerhart, on Salary	100	00
" 20.	" Coho and Wiley's Bill	6	52
" 20.	" E. V. Gerhart Salary to Oct. 1, 1880	75	00
" 20.	" Thos. G. Apple, Salary to Oct. 1, 1880	175	00
" 20.	" F. A. Gast, Salary to Oct. 1, 1880	100	00
" 20.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer F. & M. Co	50	00
Oct. 7.	" Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer Salary to Oct. 1, 1880	100	00
		$6 037	50

Oct. 11, 1880. Amt. due Treasurer $1 655 09

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 7, 1880.

GEO. W. HEN[illegible]
EWD. J. ZAH[illegible]

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1879. DR.

Amount of Principal is.....$2069 96

October 20.	For Bal. due per act. rendered		$84 65
" 30.	" Int. of A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, 1879		24 59
1880.			
Feb. 28.	" Int. of P. Fisher to April 1, 1880		60 00
March 30.	" Int. of E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1880		15 00
April 7.	" Int. of A. B. Wingerd to April 1, 1880		24 59
			$208 83

1879. CR.

Dec. 11.	By Bill paid F. W. Christern	$4 25	
" 11.	" A. H. Roffe & Co	3 00	
1880.			
Jan. 6.	By Bill paid I. M. Stoddart	6 00	
Feb. 9.	" S. H. Zahm & Co	7 55	
April 19.	" " "	7 15	
May 18.	" " "	16 30	
June 18.	" " "	9 15	
Aug. 3.	" W. H. Roy	4 40	
" 25.	" I. M. Stoddart	6 00	
Oct. 1.	" Bal. in hands Treas	145 03	
			$208 83

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* SMALTZ FUND.

1879. DR.

Amount of Principal.....$5000 00

Oct. 20.	To Bal. due per account rendered	$55 00
1880.		
April 13.	To Int. Philip Frank to April 1, 1880	150 00
Oct. 1.	" " " Oct. 1, 1880	150 00
		$355 00

1879. CR.

Nov. 4.	By amt. paid A. F. Dreisbach	$25 00	
1880.			
Jan. 14.	By amt. paid A. F. Dreisbach.	15 00	
" 14.	" T. A. Fenstermaker	15 00	
April 13.	" Frank Wetzel	25 00	
" 13.	" T. A. Fenstermaker	35 00	
" 14.	" A. F. Dreisbach	56 61	
Oct. 1.	" Bal. in hands of Treasurer.	183 39	
			$355 00

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* BUILDING FUND.

1879. DR.

Oct. 20.	Amount reported to Board	$12,296 05
1880.		
May 7.	Received on account of James T. Reber's Note	100 00
Oct. 1, 1880.	Amount of Fund is	$12,396 05

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with* PITTSBURGH PROF. FUND.

1879.	DR.	
Oct. 20.	Amount reported to Board	$1718 30
	Interest on this fund credited to the Contingent Fund account of Theological Seminary.	

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* ENDOWMENT FUND.

1879.	DR.	
Oct. 20.	Amount reported to Board	$64,508 59
Nov. 10.	" received of executor of Rev. F. W. Vandersloot deceased—Note	100 00
1880.		
April 21.	Amount Gift to Fund by	5,000 00
July 26.	" cash received in full of Rev. F. K. Levan, money paid him in 1877 by the Mansdale congregation of the Danville charge, for use of Theological Seminary, and retained until now	60 22
		$69,668 81
	The interest received on the Vandersloot Note, and F. K. Levan's payment, is credited in contingent fund account.	

The undersigned auditing committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

GEO. W. HENSEL.
EDW. J. ZAHM.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 7th, 1880.

b.) Report of the Board of Visitors.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH, AND TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Reverend Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary respectfully present the following as their Annual Report:

The Seminary was opened on the first Thursday of September, 1879, and continued in session throughout the year, except two weeks during the Christmas recess.

The following persons were admitted, as members of Junior class, at the beginning of the year, six in number:

Andrew T. G. Apple, Willson B. Donat, James R. Lewis, Jacob J. Rothrock, E. Ransom Deatrick, Christian W. Summey. Two of these are graduates of Mercersburg College; three of Franklin and Marshall College, and one was admitted to the privilege of a partial course.

The following persons, seven in number, having finished the course of study prescribed by the Board, and having sustained their final examination creditably, were dismissed and recommended for licensure:

Thomas M. Balliet, Alfred F. Dreisbach, Jacob S. Hartzel, Wm. J. Kerschner, Charles F. Sontag, Oliver H. Strunck and Franklin Wetzel. With one exception, they have all entered upon the active duties of the Holy Ministry.

At the request of the faculty, the study of the Chaldee language was made binding on all the students of the Seminary who pursue a regular course; as, without a knowledge of that language, they are not in a condition to read a portion of the Old Testament in the original.

The Board for several years past have been considering the necessity of a more extended use of the German language in the instructions of the Seminary; and at the last Annual Meeting of the Board, the faculty were instructed to draw up some plan by which this object may be secured, and to report next year. We understand that this has already been attended to; and that two of the professors hold weekly recitations from German text books, and that one of them conducts his recitations in that language.

During the progress of the year nothing special has occurred that needs to be noticed in this general report. The conduct of the students has been good, and the faculty reports that what has been said of their general character in the previous year might again be repeated. The examinations at the close of the year, which were somewhat diversified this year, were regarded as satisfactory; showing that the professors and students have been diligent in the discharge of their duties.

The Seminary is prosperous, and through legacies and gifts, increasing its means of usefulness. It will still need the prayers and pecuniary help of the Church, in order that it may become more and more a perennial source of blessings to the Church, and to the kingdom of God at large.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Sec'y of the Board.*

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 9, 1880.

The following is a synopsis of the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and accompanying suggestions to Synod:

Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in account with Samuel R. Fisher Treasurer.

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By balance in Treasury, Sept. 3d, 1879	$138 64
By cash received for the Classis of Lebanon	292 00
" " Philadelphia	34 71
" " West Susquehanna	106 36
" " Tohickon	208 41
" " East Pennsylvania	98 55
Dividends in Harrisburg Bank	22 50
Interest on Gerhart Legacy, two years	11 63
Interest from Publication Board, two years	245 97
Legacy from Sarah Brinker, dec'd (expenses of collection deducted)	775 32
Legacy from Miss Adelaide Dechant, deceased	100 00
	$2034 09

DR.

To cash paid beneficiaries Lebanon Classis	$292 00	
" West Susquehanna	115 00	
" Tohickon	210 86	
" East Pennsylvania	98 55	
" General Board	235 00	
Expenses of Treasurer of Board	3 80	
Amount invested	875 32	
Balance in Treasury	203 56	
		$2034 09

The undersigned has examined the foregoing account per vouchers, and found it correct, showing a balance in Treasury of $203.56.

S G. WAGNER.

Myerstown, Pa., October 22d, 1880.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education would respectfully call the attention of this Synod to the propriety of changing the character of the Board, as at present constituted. When the Synod committed its Beneficiary Education affairs to the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, some fifty years ago, its members were, at that time, all members of the Synod. Since the organization of the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac, and the Theological Seminary was placed under the joint control of these three Synods, several years ago, one half of the members of the Board of Visitors are members of the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac. Hence, the latter members of the Board have, to the extent of their number, control over the Educational affairs of this Synod, whilst the members from this Synod have no control whatever over the Educational affairs of the other Synods. These circumstances, in the judgment of your Treasurer, render it proper, that this Synod should reorganize its Board of Education, either by the creation of a Board disconnected from the Board of Visitors, or by confining the membership of the Board of Education to those members of the Board of Visitors, who are also members of this Synod.

The Board of Visitors at its sessions in 1878, in view of special services rendered by its Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel, voted him a salary of $20, and repeated this action at its sessions in 1879 for that year. The President of the Board drew orders for the amounts voted for these two years, on your Treasurer. When the orders were presented, the Treasurer felt constrained to decline paying them, in view of the fact, that he was not the Treasurer of the Board of Visitors, and as the Treasurer of the Board of Education, he had no right to divert the funds of the Board from the purposes for which they were originally intended.

The Secretary of the Board has honestly earned the salary, which was voted him, without any solicitation on his part, and should also receive a regular annual salary for his services, as the labors of his office have been considerably increased of late years. The Board of Visitors is the creature of the Charter of the Theological Seminary, and its labors are all in the interest of that institution. All expenses incurred in the legitimate performance of its duties, in the judgment of your Treasurer, should be paid out of funds available for the support of the Seminary. In view of all the facts in the case, your Treasurer would suggest to Synod the propriety of instructing the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary to pay the salary voted by the Board of Visitors to its Secretary, and also, to adopt a resolution instructing the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, hereafter, to pay all orders drawn on him by the President of the Board of Visitors, for any legitimate expenses incurred by the Board in the transaction of its business.

SAMUEL R. FISHER,
Treasurer of Board of Education.

OCTOBER 23d, 1880.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing documents were referred, submitted their report. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary respectfully submit the following:

The documents referred to us are, the reports of the Board of Visitors, of the Board of Education, and of the Board of Trustees, together with the reports of their respective Treasurers.

From the Board of Trustees we learn, that the financial condition of the Seminary has somewhat improved. This improved condition is principally to be attributed to the reception of a donation of $5,000 from an anonymous source. The endowment fund amounts now to $69,668.81.

The Board also inform us of a legacy made in favor of the Institution by a late member of the Board, which will become available at some future time.

Your Committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod commends the examples of liberality of these two friends of the Seminary to the wealthy members of our Church for imitation.

From the Board of Visitors it appears that, during the past year, the Theological Seminary enjoyed continued prosperity and the blessings of God. The professers and students attended regularly and diligently to their repective duties, and the latter made commendable progress. Six students were received into the Institution, and seven, having completed the course of study, were dismissed.

In view of the continued prosperous condition of the Seminary, your Committee recommends the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby express its sincere gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His blessing, and for the prosperity which the Seminary enjoyed during the past year, and devoutly prays God that He may continue to prosper and bless the Seminary and all who are connected therewith, to the glory of His name and to the advancement of His kingdom.

From the report of the Board of Education it appears that, during the year, the receipts were $2,237.65, and the disbursements $2,034.09, leaving a balance of $203.56 in the treasury.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education calls the attention of this Synod to the propriety of changing the character of the Board as at present constituted.

Your Committee propose the following action touching this point:

Resolved, That the members in the Board of Visitors elected from and by this Synod, shall hereafter constitute the Board of Education of this Synod, for the purpose of transacting the business pertaining to the cause of Beneficiary Education.

The Treasurer of this Board calls the attention of this Synod to the legitimate and incidental expenses of the Board of Visitors for the payment of which no provision is made.

Touching this point your Committee offers the following for adoption.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be directed to pay to Dr. Theodore Appel, Secretary of the Board of Visitors, the salary which that Board agreed to pay him for his services.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be authorized and directed hereafter to pay all orders drawn on him by the President of the Board of Visitors, for any incidental and legitimate expenses incurred by the Board in the transaction of its business.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HEISTER,
S. A. LEINBACH,
A. R. BARTHOLOMEW. } *Committee.*

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.—Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Edward J. Zahm, Charles Santee, John Heilman, Owen L. Schreiber, John B. Roth, George W. Hensel, Aaron G. Renninger, William E. Schmertz, William J. Baer, Thomas J. Craig, Adam B. Wingerd, Louis Markel, Henry Wirt, Isaac H. Kieffer and Henry M. Cocklin, of the former board, were continued. In the place of William A. Wilt, deceased, Israel Laucks, of York, Pa., was elected.

Board of Visitors.—Revs. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Amos H. Kremer, D. D., Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Charles F. McCauley, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., John M. Titzel, R. Humphrey Deatrich, Joseph H. Appel, D. D., and Thomas C. Porter, D. D., members of the former board, were all continued.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had communicated the action of this Synod at its last annual sessions in relation to taking up special collections in aid of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac, but had received no official report of the result.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following annual report was received from the Board of Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Fathers and Brethren:—We herewith transmit to your reverend body the annual reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. The reports contain in brief all the information that is necessary for us at this time to communicate. We cannot but express our gratitude to Almighty God, and congratulate the Church on the measure of success that has attended the missionary work, and the enlarged gifts of our people to benevolence during the year that has just closed. Our people have contributed during this year, double the amount they gave to missions last year, namely, $15,000. And whilst this is but a small amount as compared to our resources, it is still a decided advance. We should take courage from this fact, and press the work with still greater vigor in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Pres.*

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Sec.*

York, Oct. 9, 1880.

a) *Report of the Superintendent of Missions*

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—It is with gratitude to God that the Superintendent of Missions presents this his annual report of the condition and prospects of the missions over which he, in connection with the Board, has had the oversight for the last three years. During the past year, this particular department of the life and activity of the Church has been more than usually blest by its great head; for which it becomes us to humble ourselves, and render thanks to the Father of lights, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Church, Easton.—Members, 75. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 7. S. S. scholars, 95. Cost of property, about $3,000. Reduction of the debt, $700, of which $380 was paid by the mother church at Easton. Benevolence, $29.23. Local objects, $800. Some 15 or 16 church papers. Under care of the Board, 4 years. Attendance improving. Appropriation last year by Classis, $200; by the Board, $150. As the appropriation to this mission is fixed by the coming Classis, the Board declines to specify any appropriation for the coming year. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler.

Catasauqua.—Members, 136; last year, 90. Baptisms, 7. S. S. scholars, 160. Benevolence, $34.05. Local objects, $844. Under the care of the Board since 1873. During the past year, this mission succeeded in redeeming its church building, which had been sold during the previous year by its creditors. It was secured for $3075, which is less than half of its original cost. On making this purchase, the congregation paid $475, so that the remaining indebtedness is only $2600, which it is expected will be paid off gradually from year to year. The prospects of this mission are again encouraging; and pastor and people feel prompted to engage in the work committed to their hands with fresh courage and new faith. Appropriation last year, $300. No appropriation made by the Board for the coming year for the reason assigned above. Pastor, J. J. Christ.

Christ Mission, East Allentown.—Members, 130; last year, 90. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 45. S. S. scholars, 180; last year, 157. Cost of property, $1900; but worth much more. Reduction, about $700. Benevolent and local objects, $300. The Classis of Lehigh at its last meeting agreed to pay the remaining debt, amounting to $600, in three yearly instalments of $200 each, and the missionary agreed to relieve the Classis of the appropriation hitherto made. Attendance on divine service, good. The prospects of the mission are encouraging. Appropriation last year, $300; for the present, $100. Pastor, J. Fritzinger.

St. John's, Reading.—Members, 360; last year, 305. Baptisms, 53; last year, 40. Additions, 163; last year, 29. S. S. scholars, 325. Attendance good at both German and English services. Cost of property, $22,000. Debt, $9,750. Reduction of indebtedness, $300. Benevolence, $80. Local objects, $2,500. 22 subscribers for the church papers. The pastor has been preaching at Birdsboro, and with the approbation of Classis has organized a congregation at that place with 53 members. By the action of the Board, he is to serve this new mission for the time being. The large debt resting on the mission at Reading is a burden, which it finds

difficult to bear; but thus far it has been able to maintain its credit. It enjoys the sympathy and confidence of the other churches in the city, and has been receiving help from them all along. Appropriation last year, $250; this year, $300. Pastor, J. W. Steinmetz.

St. John's, West Philadelphia.—Members, 90. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 17. S. S. scholars, 70. Cost of property, $5,000; but worth more at the present time. Indebtedness, $2,400. Reduction, $1,000. Benevolence, $12. Local objects, $400. Attendance, good. The congregation enjoys generally the good will of the surrounding community. The pastor, under the direction of the superintendent, has been performing some missionary work in the city of Philadelphia and vicinity; which it is hoped will be attended with good results in the future. Appropriation last year, $300; this year, $275. Pastor, J. S. Vandersloot.

Second Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 111. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 14. S. S. scholars, 282; last year, 220. Benevolence, $72. Local objects, $500. The cost of the church property, $6,000; but it is worth more at the present time. A small debt was paid off during the year by the Ladies' Mite Society. The missionary society collected, during the present year, nearly twice as much as during the previous year. The church papers are read in the congregation, and the mission is making progress. Appropriation last year, $250; this year, the same. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—After the Rev. F. Fox withdrew from this mission, it was served for a while by the superintendent. In January last, he secured the services of the Rev. John G. Fritchey, who consented to devote a part of his time in a generous effort to save the mission from disintegration. Thus far, his labors have been blest. He has gathered the members together, and inspired them with fresh courage and hope. With much patience, he has succeeded in collecting, mostly from generous individuals in Harrisburg, enough money to pay off pressing claims in the bank and elsewhere, and so he has restored the financial credit of the congregation. The reduction of the indebtedness thus far is $420. A short time ago the lecture-room of the church was rented by the school authorities of Harrisburg for school purposes. The income from this source will be sufficient to pay the interest of the debt still remaining on the church building, which is about $1,200. The original cost of it was about $8,000. The Sunday-school has been revived, and now numbers about 30 scholars. Members, 55. Baptized, 3. Some emigrants from Europe are reported as having arrived, who are members of our church. Amount collected for local objects, $125. It is proper to add, that Mr. Fritchey undertook this work without any promise of appropriation from the Board,—simply from a disinterested zeal and love to build up the church of his fathers. The appropriation in former years was $300. The prospects of this mission are again encouraging, and with the blessing of God will be made self-sustaining at no very distant day. Appropriation for the coming year, $75. Pastor, J. G Fritchey.

Columbia.—Members, 165. Baptisms, 23. Additions, 27. S. S. scholars, 200. Debt of church property, $1,600, which was rednced $200 during the year. Benevolence, $92.04. Local objects, $950. A canvass of the congregation last spring resulted in the addition of 21 new subscribers for the "Messenger." There is a mite society and a "workers' association" in the congregation through which small con-

tributions are made monthly. It is needless to say that this mission is doing well. Appropriation last year, $150; this year, $125. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard.

Wilkesbarre.—Members at Wilkesbarre, 287. At Nanticoke, where there is a newly organized church, 60. In all, 347. Baptisms in both congregations, 112. Additions, at Wilkesbarre, 52; at Nanticoke, 60; in all, 112. S. S. scholars, 225. Attendance, good. Not many church papers as yet. Cost of Church property, $13,000. Reduction, about $3,000, of which the Classis of East Susquehanna paid $800. Benevolence, $35. Local objects, $2,700. There is an effort in progress to provide for the remaining indebtedness on the church, which it is believed will be crowned with success. The missionary, after preaching for a while at Nanticoke, a town with a population of 3000 inhabitants, organized recently at that place a new congregation of 60 members. It is as yet without a church building. Another preaching point has been established at Plymouth, population 8000, midway between Wilkesbarre and Nanticoke, where twenty families—some belonging to the congregation at Wilkesbarre—during the year were organized into a church, and placed by Classis under the care of Rev. S. C. Meckel, who has thus far labored successfully, and with much self-denial, without missionary aid. This mission has been under the care of the Board since July, 1878; and promises to be self-supporting at no distant day. Its success thus far has gone beyond our expectations. Appropriation last year, $400; this year, $300. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven.—Two congregations. Members, 135. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 14. S. S. scholars, 80. Benevolence, $25. Local objects, $230. The church papers are taken to some extent. The missionary society is making gradual progress. Some improvement in the attendance. The last communion at Lock Haven was the largest in the history of the congregation. Cost of the church building, $2,200; but it will be worth five or six times that amount when some improvements are made to it. Indebtedness, $763. The mission enjoys the confidence of the community, and of its own members; and its prospects are much improved. Appropriation last year, $300; this year, $300. Pastor, I. S. Stahr.

East Liberty and Wilkinsburg.—These two missions have been served by the present pastor for more than a year and a half, and as the times have improved, they have made a corresponding progress. They still labor under some difficulty on account of their indebtedness; but these have been alleviated to some extent during the past year, and prospects are more encouraging than they were a year ago. No statistics. Appropriation last year, $550; this year, $525. Pastor J. W. Knappenberger.

Orbisonia.—Three congregations. Members, 109. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 12. S. S. scholars, 80. Attendance, generally good. Benevolence averaging 54 cents per member. Local objects, $560. A mission society is to be organized this fall. The "Messenger" circulates in about one-half the families. Cost of church property, $1,200. Indebtedness, $200, but provided for. Reduction of the indebtedness during the year, $250. Since last spring, the missionary has been preaching at Broadtop city, where there are a few members of our church, and where a congregation may be organized in the future. Under the Board, 4 yrs. This mission covers a large territory, and

promises well for the future. Appropriation last year, $150; this year, $112. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford county.—Three congregations. Members, 155. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 13. Sunday-schools, 2. Attendance, good. Assessment of Classis, $76, which will be paid. Church debt as yet unprovided for, $170. Mission under the care of the Board 5 years. After the removal of the remaining debt—in a year or two—the mission will be self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, $200; this year, $200. Pastor, W. A. Gring.

Duncannon.—Congregations, 3. Members, 125. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 5. S. S. scholars, 150. Value of church property, $2,500. Debts, none. Benevolence, $100. Local objects, $530. Church periodicals circulated and appreciated. Attendance, good and devout. The outlook encouraging. Appropriation last year, $250; this year, $225. Pastor, U. H. Heilman.

First Church, Allegheny City.—When we rendered our last report, this mission was beginning to show some signs of a new life; but unfortunately, the missionary, after laboring successfully for a few months, was called to take charge of another missionary field within the bounds of the Classis; and his withdrawal had a depressing effect upon the members. Last spring, the Rev. H. King was requested by the superintendent to supply it for a while. Twenty-one old members petitioned Classis to be organized into a new congregation, and the Council elected Mr. King to labor as missionary for one year with an appropriation of $600; the amount designated by the Pittsburgh Board of Missions. The missionary has been diligent in gathering in the old members, and he has been to a certain extent successful; but it will require a year of hard work and much prayer and self-sacrifice to restore this mission to the position which it once occupied. It has been one of the most unfortunate of all our missions. Still it is not hopeless, having a small nucleus of faithful members, who are willing to labor and pray for the increase of Zion. They no longer own their chapel; but have the use of it for a small rental. As a field for missionary work, we regard Allegheny City as a very promising one. Appropriation $600. Pastor, Hiram King.

Shenandoah City.—No statistics have been received from this mission. We presume they do not differ much from those given in last report. The pastor has been absent in Europe during a part of the summer. His place was filled by the Rev. James A. Schultz during his absence. Appropriation last year, $300; for the coming year, the same. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

Johnstown.—This mission has been under the care of the Board since July last. For the year previous, it was served by the Rev. W. H. Bates without an appropriation under the direction of the superintendent. During the year, ground was purchased and a new chapel erected for the mission, in which it was assisted by the Westmoreland Classis and liberal citizens of Johnstown, the latter having given thus far over $600. Its cost will be something over two thousand dollars, ($2,000). It wil be dedicated sometime in October, although it is used now for divine service. It is thought it will have little or no debt after it is dedicated. The number of members is between 50 and 60. Appropriation, $500. Pastor, W. H. Bates.

Staunton and other places, where something could be done, if the Board would send a suitable person into the field. No statistics. Appropriation last year, $150; this year, $150. Pastor, A. J. Whitmore.

DELAWARE.

St. John's, Wyoming, Kent county.—Members, 92. Baptisms, 9. S. S. scholars, 80. Additions, 12. The debt, $1,250, was canceled during the past year, which gives much joy to the mission. Benevolence, $66. Of this, $27 was contributed for a peace offering. Local objects, $614. The mission is making encouraging progress. Under the care of the Board, 5 years. It has been active in encouraging the neighboring missions on the Eastern shore of Maryland both with its sympathy and its means. Appropriation last year, $275; this year, $250. Pastor, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

MARYLAND.

Cumberland.—Members, 150. Baptisms, 82. Additions, 16. S. S. scholars, 100. Cost of Church property, $5,500; indebtedness, $1,500. Benevolence, $30. Local objects, $700. The Church festivals are devoutly observed, and prove to be seasons of refreshing and revival from the presence of the Lord. Several families removed from the congregation; but their place is filled by a number of emigrants from Hessen and Lippe Detmold, who, on their arrival, immediately handed in the recommendations of their pastors in Germany to the pastors of the Reformed Church in North America. The missionary has preached at various points in the neighborhood, where he found members of our Church, who, however, can be better attended to by neighboring ministers. The papers of the Church are circulated in the congregation. The pastor has been in this field six years, during which time he confirmed 112 persons and baptized 82. The progress is slow but sure. Appropriation last year, $250; this year, $200. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

Ridgely, Caroline County. Members, 69. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 8. Benevolence, $624. Local objects, several hundred dollars. The corner-stone of the new church at Ridgely was laid last spring. For want of means the church has not been finished; but the congregation expect to complete it before the close of the present year, with probably little or no debt. Last April the missionary organized a new congregation in Queen Ann County. He is under the necessity of holding his services—once in four weeks—in private houses; but the members have subscribed in all $200 for a new chapel; and expect to begin building it as soon as they can find a suitable location. In the month of August the missionary visited Talbot County and found in the vicinity of Easton some twelve or fifteen members of our Church from eastern Pennsylvania, who are engaged in building a Union church. He baptized their children, and expects to preach at this point regularly; to commence a catechetical class, and organize the members into a congregation. Appropriation last year, $300; this year, $325. Pastor, Joseph Hannabery.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.—On the withdrawal of Dr. Russell from this mission last October, it devolved on the Superintendent to take charge of it until a successor could be secured. He visited it from time to time, and called in ministerial brethren to assist him in filling the pulpit. This arrangement in the peculiar circumstances of the congregation was regarded

as the best that could be made, and was very satisfactory to the members generally. It became evident, however, that it could not be continued long, and as soon as the way seemed to be open a missionary was secured to take charge of the field. He entered upon his duties about the beginning of July; and has served with acceptance to the congregation. During last spring a committee of Maryland Classis, who had the matter in charge, purchased ground for a new chapel in an eligible place—72 feet in front by 100 feet deep, at 45 cts. per. square foot. The whole cost was $3.240, on which $810 were paid at the time of the purchase. The balance, $2,430, as it falls due is to be paid in four semi-annual instalments; and is all provided for by assessment made by the different Synods. This gave the mission a new impulse. As soon as a chapel of moderate cost can be put up, the mission will be placed on a permanent basis. It deserves the prayers and sympathies of the whole Church. It is now very desirable that the amounts assessed on the different charges of the Church for this object should be paid without delay. Promptness in this direction will save the Church a great deal of money, as well as promote the growth and success of the mission. Appropriation, last year $1200, this year, $600. Pastor, Charles F. Sontag.

NEW YORK.

New York City.—By authority of the Board, Rev. F. Fox, during last fall and winter, acted as agent mostly in the eastern part of Pennsylvania in collecting funds for missionary purposes on the Pacific coast, in which he met with a reasonable degree of success. Instead of returning to California, as he had intended to do, he was induced to undertake the work of starting a new mission among the Germans in New York City; and our Board made a proposition to the Board of Missions of the Eastern German Synod to assist in making up an appropriation for his support, if they would agree to take the mission under their charge and contribute for its support. The proposition was agreed to, and Rev. Fox has been in the field since last April. He reports that his prospects are encouraging. The appropriation by this Board is $200.

KANSAS.

Emporid.—As this mission required a person who could devote all his time to the work, the Rev. J. G. Shoemaker was secured to take charge of it; and he entered upon his duties on the 1st of November last. On the 1st of December, he organized a congregation of 31 members, to which a number have since been added. With the permission of the Board, the missionary visited his former congregations in Centre and other counties, for the purpose of collecting funds to pay for the new church at Emporia, as something immediately necessary for the success of the mission. In this, he was successful beyond our most sanguine expectations. In all he raised over one thousand dollars. The church, when finished, will cost about $2,300. Of this amount, something over $600 are still lacking, which will be provided for in some other way. The members of the church generally give as much as their limited means justify. Thus far, the pastor received only a small support from the congregation, with a small appropriation from the Board; and he has been under the necessity of exercising great self-denial. Benevolence, $10. Local objects, $500.

The missionary has been preaching at a point some eighteen miles north of Emporia, where 25 members have agreed to be organized into

a congregation this fall. When once organized, it will form a good nucleus for a new mission. As soon as a suitable locality is agreed on, an effort will be made for the erection of a church. There are other points in the neighborhood of Emporia, which will be visited as soon as time will permit.

In accordance with the directions of the Board, Mr. Shoemaker lately visited Stockton, in Rooks county, and other places in that section of the State. Here the people had suffered much from the failure of their crops for the last two years; yet the missionary found a number of members of the Reformed Church anxious to have a minister placed over them. He preached for them in their school-houses, and expects to visit them again.

In order to facilitate the exploration of the State and to establish missions where needed, Mr. Shoemaker, at a late meeting of the Board, was appointed superintendent of missions for the State. He will retian his connection with the congregation at Emporia, and is to have a young man as an assistant to take charge of his congregation during his absence, and to assist him in his work; for whom an appropriation is to be made by the Board. It is believed that this arrangement will be productive of good and permanent results. It is proper here to add, that the Board of Missions of the Synod of Ohio has also a number of missions of the State of Kansas, and that those established by our Board will not interfere in any way with those of the Ohio Board, but tend rather to assist and strengthen them. Appropriations last year $300; the coming year, $400. Pastor, J. G. Shoemaker.

CALIFORNIA.

Napa.—During the course of the past year, the Rev. J. H. Krueger, with the consent of the Board, withdrew from this mission, and sought another field of usefulness in the East. Several efforts have been made to secure a suitable person to take his place; but thus far without success. There are, however, some prospects, that the vacancy will be filled at no distant day. The mission, since it lost its pastor, has been under the supervision and care of the Classis of San Francisco. Appropriation last year, $200.

Alameda.—This mission, in the neighborhood of San Francisco, has been without a pastor for a part of the year just closed. The missionary, who was placed over it more than a year ago, was not deemed a suitable person for the field, and the Classis, under a sense of duty, and with a feeling of deep regret, found it necessary to request him to withdraw before the end of the year. The mission has been cherished by the Classis and cared for, as far as possible, by the pastor of the church at San Francisco, the Rev. Julius Fuendeling. The Board decided to send another missionary to labor at Alameda and San Francisco as soon as a suitable person can be found, with an appropriation of $250.

OREGON.

Portland.—Members, 110. Baptisms, 11. S. S. scholars, 60. Cost of property, $7,200; but its value is much greater; local objects, $800. A debt has been incurred for improvement in the church and on the street of $365. A goodly number of church papers is taken. A missionary society is soon to be organized. The mission is making encouraging progress, and its pastor expects to declare it self-supporting by the end of the coming year. It has been under the care of the

Board six years, and the sixth anniversary of its existence was celebrated in the month of September amidst general rejoicing. The pastor suffers opposition and even persecution from without; but he is sustained by his people, and the work of the Lord continues to go on. Portland has a population of 21,000 inhabitants. Six years ago it had 12,000; at no distant day it will be the great city of the North Pacific coast, like Philadelphia or Baltimore in the East.

The missionary at Portland has been preaching at various other points in the State; at Cornelius, where there is a congregation of eighteen members; at Sandy, where twelve members are waiting to be organized into a church, and at Sandy Ridge, at Sandy Bridge, and at other points. In this kind of work he has been assisted by Rev. Lange of the mission at Canby. It is plain that at least one or more missionaries should be sent into this field as soon as possible; and for this purpose the Board made an appropriation of $150. Appropriation last year, $300; for the coming year, $200. Pastor, John Gantenbein.

Salem.—Two congregations; one at Salem, the other at Waldo Hills. The one at Salem is still under the necessity of worshipping in a hall, which is a serious drawback to the growth and progress of the congregation. The Board regrets exceedingly that it has not been in a condition to give it any help in its efforts to supply itself with a suitable house of worship. It is earnestly hoped that a church building fund may soon be created for the purpose of giving help to this and other struggling missions in erecting chapels or churches. The Waldo Hills congregation has succeeded in putting up a small church, in which, although not yet quite finished, it has been worshipping. The cost of the church thus far is between $500 and $600. No debt has been contracted. The missionary has been preaching occasionally at other points; but much of his time has been occupied in collecting the funds to pay for the new church. Thus he has been prevented from making explorations in the regions beyond; such exploration is very desirable, and would be productive of good results. Membership, 45. The missionary reports that his little flock maintain their courage, and are faithful in attendance at the worship of the sanctuary. Appropriation last year, $250; this year, the same. Pastor, J. Muehlhaupt.

Canby, Clackamas County.—One congregation, German. Members, 27. Baptisms, 5. Addition, 6. S. S. scholars, 27. A church has been put up at Meridian during the past year, costing, thus far, $350. It has some debt resting upon it. The Board appropriated $100 to assist in its erection, for which both the pastor and members express t warmest gratitude, for the help thus extended to them in their time of need. The church is not yet finished, and as the members are poor, they have a strong claim upon the brethren for further help. It is hoped that benevolent persons in the Church may extend to this mission a friendly hand, and do something to assist it in building its humble sanctuary, which is to it as precious as the most stately church is to those more highly favored. The missionary travels far and wide, over a large extent of territory. Appropriation last year, $200; this year, the same. Pastor, Julius Lange.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Walla Walla.—No report from this mission. The missionary was urged by Classis to transfer his labors to the promising fields in Oregon; but he has not seen his way clear to withdraw from his present field,

hoping that he will yet overcome the difficulties in his way, and succeed in building up a Reformed church at Walla Walla. Appropriation last year, $200; this year, the same. Pastor, George Maechtersheimer.

Ursinus Union.—In accordance with the instruction of the Synod of the United States last year, we embody the report of the missionary operations of the Ursinus Union, a copy of which accompanies this report.

The Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer, reports, that the amount of funds, under the direction of Ursinus Union, received since the last meeting of the old Synod, is $988.52. A part of this was sent to the treasury of the Board of Missions of the Synod of Ohio, and the balance appropriated to different missionary points in the east.

SUMMARY.

Number of missions	38
Members	3,408
Additions during the year	655
Baptisms during the year	480
Sunday-School scholars	3,309
Amount col. for benev. during the year	$958
For local objects	$21,478

Value of church property is somewhat greater than last year; and the indebtedness is somewhat smaller.

MISSIONARY PAPER.

The matter of publishing a missionary paper has been considered from time to time by the Board, and the necessity of such help for the spread of missionary intelligence, for the awakening of a missionary spirit, and for the increase of liberality in the Church, has been sensibly felt for a long time. The way, however, did not seem open for such an undertaking until the present year. Three numbers of the paper have already appeared. It is published monthly. Price of subscription, 50 cents per year. It is conducted by the Superintendent of missions, without any additional expense to the Board. Its title is "Reformed Missionary Herald." All its articles are intended to have a bearing on the cause of missions. Thus far it has been well received. The prospects at present are, that it will cover expenses and leave a balance of profit, which is to be devoted to missions. If it comes to be well patronized in our churches, its margin of profit will be considerable.

NEW FIELDS.

Hitherto, for want of necessary means, the Board has not been able to occupy many of the new and interesting fields, which have presented themselves as worthy of our attention. But we believe, that the time has arrived when the benevolence and increasing liberality of the Church will justify us in going forward and enlarging the sphere of our missionary operations. The Board accordingly, at its late meeting, agreed to appropriate $1,000 during the coming year for the location of new missions in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, as soon as suitable locations are decided on, and proper men can be secured to fill them. As already said, two or more missionaries are to be sent to the Pacific Coast, as soon as Providence points out to us the men that are adapted

for this kind of work. It is further believed, that flourishing missions may be established in a number of our large cities, such as Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and other places, also at various points in the Southern States. The spirit of missions is beginning to grow and increase in the Classis of North Carolina, and its destitute places call loudly for our assistance. May God grant that, as a Church, we may not be deaf to the many calls of our children, who cry to us for the bread of life!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the treasurer's report, it will be seen, that the contributions of the churches for the support of our missions during the past year have been somewhere between $15,000 and $16,000. The indebtedness for moneys borrowed in former years to carry forward the operations of the Board, something over $1,200, is all paid off; and the amount due missionaries for salary is smaller, considerably, than it has been at the end of previous years. On the first of October, this amount was $2,000, with about $1,000 in the treasury. For the coming year the Board will need $15,000, in order to meet the current expenses; for which we suggest that the different Synods concerned be requested to take measures for raising the following sums:

The Synod of the United States	$ 8,500
The Synod of the Potomac	$ 3,750
The Synod of Pittsburgh	$ 2,750

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In concluding this report, we must congratulate the reverend Synods on the measure of prosperity which has crowned our missionary labors during the past year. Missionary societies have sprung up in all directions. Missionary festivals have been held with good effect; and our ministers have preached with more than usual earnestness on the subject of missions. The contributions are double in amount of what was reported last year; and in considerable excess of what has been given during any previous year of our history as a Church. From the summary already given, it will also appear, that the number of members in our missions, baptisms, additions, Sunday-school scholars, and the amounts given for benevolent and local objects are also in excess of what was reported during previous years; so that whilst our churches have increased their gifts, the blessing of God has also, at the same time, rested upon the labors of our missionaries. For all this, we have great reason to be thankful to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who has visited His plantation, and given us the precious rains of His grace.

Many things have conspired in bringing about these results; the chief of which, no doubt, is the peace sentiment which is coming to prevail more and more in our churches. This had much to do in swelling our contributions to the amount which has been reported, by promoting the peace offerings. What is required of us in these circumstances seems to be plain and simple; and that is, that we should just continue in the course upon which the Chief Shepherd has brought us. Having led us thus far, He will continue to lead us still further, and enable us to achieve still greater results for His own glory. We should be vigilant, more so in the future than in the past, lest our work, which now has made such an auspicious beginning, should be marred during the coming year, and suffer from a relapse into the errors and mistakes of the past. To avoid everything of the nature of a reaction, the con-

science of the Church should be kept alive. Our preaching should be more earnest, with a constant bearing on the spread of the kingdom of God. Earnest prayer should also be offered up continually, and at stated times, also, that, whilst we are planting and watering, God may give us a still more plentiful increase; and to His great name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall be all the honor and glory, as it was in the beginning as it is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Superintendent.*

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 9, 1880.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

In submitting my annual Report, it affords me sincere gratification to state, that the finances of the Board are in a much more favorable condition than they were last year. Nearly every section of the Church seems to have awakened from the culpable lethargy which formerly prevailed, and responded, with commendable liberality, to the appeals made for means to carry on the great work of Missions.

By comparing the present with my last year's Report, it will be seen that the total contributions amount to nearly double what they were the previous year:

REPORT.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	$413.94	
" Tohickon	552.96	
" Goshenhoppen	1,164.40	
" East Pennsylvania	1,016.50	
" Lebanon	1,060.10	
" Lancaster	970.78	
" East Susquehanna	332.28	
" West Susquehanna	736.71	
Total from the Synod of the United States		$6,247.67

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion	$1,031.33	
" Maryland	1,578.85	
" Mercersburg	1,543.78	
" Virginia	305.45	
" San Francisco	50.00	
" North Carolina	3.25	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac		$4,512.66

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Saint Paul	$ 36.39	
" Somerset	40.00	
From Treasurer of Synod	2,705.00	
Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh		$2,781.39
Carried over		$13,541.72

Amount brought over		$13,541.72
Miscellaneous Sources.		
Collected by Rev. F. Fox for Missions on Pacific Coast	$526.76	
Interest on Loans and Legacies	150.00	
Collection at Synod of Lebanon	22.29	
Received of Dr. J. H. Good, Assessment of General Synod on Synod of Ohio, to pay indebtedness to Geo. Gelbach, Esq., who donated the same to the Board	175.00	
From sundry sources, loans (since paid), etc.	667.88	
Balance in Treasury, Sept. 2, 1879	128.11	
		$1,670.04
Total from all sources		$15,211.76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of the Board during year	$14,015.06	
Paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis	232.84	
Balance in the Treasury	963.86	
		$15,211.76

In addition to the above-named contributions, I received from sundry sources during the year, the sum of $319.40 for the erection of a chapel in Washington City, D. C.

The total amount of Peace-offerings during the year, included in the foregoing statement, was $1,358.54. The net amount contributed by the Church during the synodical year for Missions and Washington City Chapel is $14,444.05.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, Oct. 11, 1880.

The undersigned, appointed a committee to audit the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully report, that they have attended to said duty and find a balance of nine hundred and sixty-three dollars and eighty-six cents in the Treasurer's hands at this date, October 11, 1880.

W. H. H. SNYDER.
D. W. GROSS.

The following communication was received from the President of the General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in Session at Myerstown, October, 1880.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions, although related primarily to the General Synod, craves the indulgence of this reverend body to present before it a few facts relating to its present and prospective work. During the past year the Board has purchased a house in Tokio, Japan, as a residence for our missionary, at an expense of $4,500. In order to secure the amount needed to pay for this desirable property, which has been obtained for about one-half its original cost, it is proposed to appeal especially to the liberality of the children of the Church; and, in order to encourage the members of our families and Sunday-schools in their missionary beneficence, an attractive certi-

ficate has been prepared, suitable for fran
the missionary and his wife and a picture o
contributor will be entitled to a copy of th
encouraged by the increased interest taken
work, as shown by their enlarged gifts, and
operation of this Synod.

MYERSTOWN, October 22, 1880.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTE

The Committee on Missions submit
which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Missions respectfull
documents have been referred to them:

1. Report of the Superintendent of M
Board.
2. Report of the Treasurer of the Board
3. A communication from the Secretary
sions, referring to:
(1.) Irregularity of the payment of missio
Pennsylvania and Lebanon.
(2.) The Washington Mission.
(3.) Emigrant Mission in New York city.
4. A communication from the Presiden
Iowa Classis, asking Synod for a ple
5. A communication from the Board of F

I. *Report of the Superi*

From this report we learn that the work
carried forward with great earnestness and
the amount due our missionaries, Oct. 1, i
will be needed for missionary operations
mended that $8,500 be assumed by this S
Resolved, That this sum be assessed on t

East Pennsylvania	-
Lebanon	-
Philadelphia	-
Goshenhoppen	-
Tohickon	-
East Susquehanna	-
West Susquehanna	-
Lancaster	-
Lehigh	-

II. *Treasurer's Re*

From this we learn, that the finances of
dition.

III. *Communications from t*

1. *Resolved*. That the attention of the C
and Lebanon be directed to the irregularity
out orders from the Board.

2. *Resolved*, That the Classes be requested to pay promptly their assessments for the Washington Mission Fund to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

3. *Resolved*, That the establishing of an Emigrant Misson in the city of New York be referred to the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

IV. *Communication from the President of Iowa Classis.*

Resolved, That this request be referred to the Board of Home Missions Tri-Synodical.

V. *Communication from the Board of Foreign Missions.*

Resolved, That we commend the cause of Foreign Missions to the prayers and liberality of the Church.

The Committee recommend that a Synodical missionary meeting be held in this church this (Monday) evening, Oct. 25th, and propose the following programme:

President of the Synod to preside.

1. An Address on Home Missions, by Rev. Theodore Appel, D. D., Missionary Superintendent.

2. On Foreign Missions, Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D.

These addresses to be limited to fifteen minutes each, to be followed by voluntary speeches of five minutes each.

3. A Collection for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

T. S. JOHNSTON,
E. D. MILLER,
T. J. HACKER,
JOHN G. BROWN,
JOHN L. BOYER,
} *Committee.*

III. MISSIONARY MEETING.

As recommended by the Committee on Missions, a Synodical Missionary Meeting was held on Monday evening. The proposed programme was fully carried out. One hundred and thirty-one dollars were realized for Foreign Missions from the collection and special contributions from individuals.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO MISSIONS.

A request from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, asking Synod to take measures to forestall the multiplication of publications, was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. William H. Groh, William H. H. Snyder, and Elder Jones Detwiler. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the request of Goshenhoppen Classis in reference to forestalling the multiplication of publications, would respectfully report:

This request of said Classis grew out of a communication of Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., Superintendent of Missions, soliciting their co-operation in circulating their proposed missionary monthly, which has since

made its appearance in the form of "The Missionary Herald." We propose the following action, viz:

Resolved, That while there may be a difference of opinion as to the real need of such a publication, yet, this Synod does not deem it expedient to interfere just now with the existence of said monthly, in the hope, that, at no distant day, there may be a unification of our missionary operations under the General Synod, and that the present missionary papers of the Church may then be consolidated into one.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. GROH.
W. H. H. SNYDER.
JONES DETWILER.

The request from the same Classis in reference to discontinuing the superintendency of Missions was not granted.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Trustees of Synod, and also the report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance. The following is the report of the Board of Trustees:

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Your Board begs leave to present the following report:

The Board is composed of the following members:

George H. Small,	whose	term	expires	January	1, 1881.
James T. Raber,	"	"	"	"	1, 1882.
Rev. W. H. H. Snyder,	"	"	"	"	1, 1883.
John J. Nissley,	"	"	"	"	1, 1884.
Rev. C. S. Gerhard,	"	"	"	"	1, 1885.

As G. H. Small's term will expire on the 1st of January, 1881, we propose the names of Rudolph F. Kelker and Daniel Schaffner, as suitable candidates to fill said vacancy.

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Pres't.*

HARRISBURG, Oct. 18, 1880.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer. In account with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

1879.	DR.	
Sept. 2,	To Balance in Treasury	$204 31
	" Cash from Tohickon Classis, per I. G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas.	35 48
" 25,	" Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treas.	50 00
1880.		
Jan. 10,	" Cash from Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treas.	85 00
	Carried over	$374.79

1880.		Amount brought forward	$374.79
Mar. 5,	"	Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treas.	90 00
May 3,	"	Cash from East Penna. Classis, per Rev. S. G. Wagner, Treas.	40 00
" 11,	"	Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.	26 80
June 2,	"	Cash from Tohickon Classis, per I. G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas.	32 51
" 26,	"	Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.	19 00
July 6,	"	Cash from Tohickon Classis, per I. G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas.	10 99
" 20,	"	Cash from Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treas.	75 00
Aug. 6,	"	Cash from East Penna. Classis, per Rev. S. N. Strassburger, Treas. of "The Classis of Lehigh"	60 00
" 18,	"	Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treas.	85 00
Sept. 29,	"	Cash from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq., Treas.	65 00
Oct. 2,	"	Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. W. F. P. Davis, Treas.	120 00
" 4,	"	Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treas.	75 00
			$1,074 09

1879.		Cr.	
Sept. 25,	By	Cash paid W. D. Gross, Esq., Treas. General Synod, assessment at Fort Wayne	$275 00
Dec. 26,	"	Cash paid Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., salary as Stated Clerk, Translating Minutes, Postage, &c.	125 75
1880.			
Jan'y 5,	"	Cash paid Jas. T. Raber, Traveling Expenses	9 40
" 7,	"	" Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D.D., Traveling Expenses	2 00
May 11,	"	" Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., Treas. of Publication Board, on acct. of Printing Minutes of Synod at Lebanon, Pa.	100 00
Aug. 6,	"	Cash paid in full for Printing Minutes of Synod	170 00
" 6,	"	Cash paid Rev. C. S. Gerhart, Traveling Expenses	1 14
Oct. 2,	"	Cash paid W. D. Gross, Esq. Treas. General Synod, on account of assessment at Lancaster	300 00
	"	Balance	90 80
			$1,074 09

Sinking Fund Account.

1879.		Dr.	
Sept. 2,	To	Balance in Treasury	$233 30
" 5,	"	Cash from Tohickon Classis, per I. G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas.	70 00
1880			
Jan'y 8,	"	Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treas.	100 00
" 10,	"	Cash from Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treas.	85 00
		Carried over	$488 30

	Amount brought forward	$488 30
Apr. 29,	" Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. H. Mosser, Treas.	25 00
May 3,	" Cash from East Penna. Classis, per Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Treas.	76 50
" 11,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.	12 00
June 2,	" Cash from Tohickon Classis, per I. G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas.	37 00
" 26,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.	5 00
July 6,	" Cash from Tohickon Classis, per I. G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas.	23 00
" 20,	" Cash from Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treas.	75 00
Aug. 6,	" Cash from East Penna. Classis, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treas. of "The Classis of Lehigh"	52 25
" 18,	" Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treas	85 00
Sept. 29,	" Cash from East Penna. Classis, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treas. of "The Classis of Lehigh"	50 00
Oct. 2,	" Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. W. F. P. Davis, Treas.	100 00
" 4,	" Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treas	75 00
		$1,104 05

1880. CR.

Apr. 5,	By Cash paid Geo. Fox, Esq., balance due on $5,000 loan for use of Publication Board	$500 00
	" Cash paid one year and 6 mos. interest on same	45 00
" 8,	" Cash paid W. H. Seibert, Esq., Treas. Board of Missions, 6 mos. interest on $2,500 loan	75 00
Aug. 6,	" Cash paid W. H. Seibert, Esq., Treas. Board of Missions, 6 mos. interest on $2,500 loan, to July 9th, 1880	75 00
	" Balance	409 05
		$1,104 05

Seminary and Gerhart Fund.

1879. DR.

Sept. 25,	To Cash from B. Wolf, Jr., 6 mos. interest on Heyser mortgage, (Kieffer Legacy)	$135 00
" 25,	" Cash from 10-40 U. S. Bonds paid Cook Legacy	1200 00
	" Cash for accrued interest on same	21 62
Nov. 3,	" Cash from W. L. Heyser, 6 mos. interest on Mortgage, (Kieffer Legacy)	150 00
1880.		
Jan'y 6,	" Cash 6 mos. interest Gerhart Legacy	9 00
Mar. 27,	" Cash from B. Wolf, Jr., 6 mos. interest on Heyser Mortgage, (Kieffer Legacy)	135 00
Apr. 8,	" Cash from A. and S. Hoerner, 6 mos. Int. on Mortgage, (Cook Legacy)	36 00
" 23,	" Cash from W. L. Heyser, 6 mos. Int. on Mortgage (Kieffer Legacy)	150 00
June 5,	" Cash for Jacob Heyser Mortgage	5,000 00
	" Cash for 55 days Int. on same	45 83
July 2,	" Cash for 6 mos. Int. on Gerhart Legacy	9 00
Oct. 7,	" Cash from B. Wolf, Jr., 6 mos. Int. on Heyser Mortgage, (Kieffer Legacy)	135 00
		$7,026 45

1879.		Cr.	
Oct. 6,	By	Cash paid Albert and Susan Hoerner, on Mortgage Investment of Cook Legacy	$1,200 00
Dec. 8,	"	Cash paid J. B. Roth, Esq., Treas. Theological Seminary, Int. Cook and Kieffer Legacies	306 62
1880.			
Apr. 23,	"	Cash paid J. B. Roth, Esq., Treas. Theological Seminary, Int. on Cook and Kieffer Legacy	321 00
June 5,	"	Cash paid Treasurer for Traveling Expenses to Chambersburg to transfer Mortgage	4 10
Aug. 2,	"	Cash paid Isaac Mumma for Mortgage Investment, (Kieffer Legacy)	5,000 00
Oct. 1,	"	Cash paid Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., Treas. Board of Education, Int. $100 Gerhart Fund	6 00
" 1,	"	Cash paid W. H. Seibert, Esq., Treas. Home Missions, Int. on $100 Gerhart Fund	6 00
" 1,	"	Cash paid R. F. Kelker, Esq., Treas. Foreign Missions, Int. on $100 Gerhart Fund	6 00
" 11,	"	Cash paid John B. Roth, Esq., Treas. Theological Seminary, Int. on Kieffer Legacy	176 73
			$7,026 45

The undersigned, appointed a committee to audit the account of John J. Nissley, Esq., Treasurer of Synod, certify that they have compared his vouchers, and find it correct; and that there remains in his hands a balance due Contingent Fund of $90.80, and Sinking Fund, $409.05.

G. H. Small,
Harrisburg, Oct. 18, 1880. W. H. H. Snyder.

The following Classes within the bounds of this Synod are in arrears, viz.:

Contingent Account.				*Sinking Fund.*			
1879	East Pennsylvania	$60 00		1878	East Pennsylvania	$ 2 25	
			$60 00	1879	"	100 00	
							102 25
1877	East Susquehanna	65 00		1877	East Susquehanna	115 00	
1878	"	80 00		1878	"	95 00	
1879	"	75 00		1879	"	85 00	
			220 00				295 00
1878	West Susquehanna	24 20		1877	West Susquehanna	27 02	
1879	"	60 00		1878	"	85 00	
			84 20	1879	"	75 00	
1879	Tohickon	55 00					187 02
			55 00	1879	Tohickon	55 00	
1876	Philadelphia	60 00					55 00
1877	"	65 00		1879	Philadelphia	35 00	
1878	"	75 00					35 00
			200 00				
Total			$619 20	Total			$674 27

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:—In presenting this, my second annual report, I beg to state, that the following changes have been made in the investments of Synod during the past year: The Cook legacy of $1,200, has been invested in a first mortgage with Albert and Susanna Hoerner, on their farm in South Hanover township,

Dauphin Co., Pa. The mortgage of $5,000, against Jacob Heyser, constituting a part of the Kieffer legacy, has been paid and re-invested in a first mortgage with Isaac Mumma, Esq., on his farm in Swatara Township, Dauphin County. Both investments are considered first-class, and have been made by order of the Board of Trustees of Synod. The latter, however, was negotiated at the rate of five per cent. interest per annum.

The treasurer is pleased to inform Synod, that he has been able during the past year to pay off the assessment of General Synod at Fort Wayne, Indiana, $275, and also paid on account of assessment of General Synod at Lancaster, $300, leaving a balance unpaid of $340. The treasurer desires to call the attention of Synod to this unpaid balance with the hope that arrangements will be made for its payment before the next meeting of General Synod.

The treasurer begs to state, that he has also paid George Fox, Esq., $545, balance due him on loan of $5,000 for use of Publication Board.

The treasurer is pleased to inform Synod, that some of the Classes have done nobly during the past year, while others are still in arrears; a little effort on their part would enable the treasurer to pay all demands upon Synod with promptness.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

Hummelstown, Pa., October 18th, 1880.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following Report:

The items referred to our consideration are these, viz:

a.) The Report of the Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees.

b.) An item (No. 10) in the Report on Synodical minutes, urging delinquent Classes to pay up without delay their Synodical apportionments.

The following arrearages on the Contingent Fund are reported by the Treasurer:

East Pennsylvania Classis,		1879		$60.00
East Susquehanna	"	1877	$65.00	
" "	"	1878	80.00	
" "	"	1879	75.00—	220.00
West "	"	1878	$24.20	
" "	"	1879	60.00—	84.20
Tohickon	"	1870		55.00
Philadelphia	"	1875	$60.00	
"	"	1877	65.00	
"	"	1878	75.00—	200.00
		Total,		$619.20

The arrearages on the Sinking Fund are the following:

East Pennsylvania Classis,		1878	$2.25	
"	"	1879	100.00—	$102.25
" Susquehanna	"	1877	$115.00	
" "	"	1878	95.00	
" "	"	1879	85.00—	295.00
West "	"	1877	$27.02	
" "	"	1878	85.00	
" "	"	1879	75.00—	187.02
Tohickon	"	1879		55.00
Philadelphia	"	1879	exonerated.	35.00
		Total		$674.27

The Treasurer reports a balance in his hands for Contingent Fund of 90.80, and for Sinking Fund of $409.05; total, $499.85.

The Treasurer also reports a balance of $340 as unpaid on the assessment of the General Synod held at Lancaster. This, together with the necessary current expenses for the running synodical year, we have put t $640.00. For the Sinking Fund we have assigned a further sum of 600.00.

We, therefore, recommend the following apportionments:

For the Contingent Fund.

East Pennsylvania Classis		$ 55.00
Lebanon	"	115.00
Goshenhoppen	"	88.00
Lancaster	"	59.00
East Susquehanna	"	72.50
West "	"	73.50
Tohickon	"	54.00
Philadelphia	"	59.00
Lehigh	"	65.00
Total		$640.00

For the Sinking Fund.

East Pennsylvania Classis		$ 50.00
Lebanon	"	110.00
Goshenhoppen	"	85.00
Lancaster	"	80.00
East Susquehanna	"	67.50
West "	"	67.50
Tohickon	"	50.00
Philadelphia	"	exonerated. 30.00
Lehigh	"	60.00
Total		$600.00

Your Committee, in accordance with the Treasurer's request, as well s in conformity with justice and right, would suggest the following esolution:

Resolved, That all Classes still in arrearage be earnestly requested to pay up without unnecessary delay.

ELI KELLER, *Chr.*,
A. R. BARTHOLOMEW.
G. W. ROTH.
HENRY LOOSE.
HENRY MARTIN.
} *Committee.*

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Classis of Philadelphia requested Synod to exonerate it from the payment of assessment for Sinking Fund. The request was granted.

As reported by the same Committee, the Classis of East Susquehanna requested Synod to exonerate it from the payment of half of the amount assessed upon it for Missions, and also from the payment of the $351 assessed upon it for the English Mission at Washington, D. C., at least for the present year. The request was granted.

An election was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod. Rev. William C. Schaeffer and Jonathan H. Pannebecker were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the officers of Synod. Rudolph F. Kelker was elected a Trustee of Synod for the coming five years, from the first of January next.

A request from the Classis of Goshenhoppen to Synod to equalize the apportionments on the basis of reported communicant membership, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was not granted.

Rev. Stephen Schweitzer and William F. P. Davis, were appointed a committee to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod, to defray immediate current expenses of the present sessions. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod, to pay for expenses incurred at the present meeting, beg leave to report:

That the work of the committee has been attended to, and they have realized $18.50, which has been handed to the pastor of this congregation.

Respectfully submitted.

S. SCHWEITZER.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the expenses of the committee to prepare an edition of "Hymns for the Reformed Church," with music, as per bill rendered, amounting to $6.83.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, Omissions and inaccuracies exist in some of the statistical reports from the pastoral charges, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod request every Classis to direct her ministers to pay particular attention to this subject, and to see that hereafter a full and accurate report be received from every pastoral charge.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

A paper, containing a complaint from David Y. Schaub, against the action of the Classis of Goshenhoppen, revoking his license, was reported by the Committee on Overtures. It was referred to a committee, consisting of Revs. Adam C. Whitmer, Wm. H. Groh, Wm. F. P. Davis, David Van Horne, D. D., Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D., and Elders Jones Detwiler, and Jacob Gorgas, to examine the papers connected with the case, and if found in order, to propose the order in which the complaint shall be prosecuted before Synod. So much of the Minutes of the Classis of Goshenhoppen as relates to this case was referred to the same committee. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom were referred the complaint of Mr David Y. Schaub, against Goshenhoppen Classis and the minutes of said Classis relating to this case, report:—

That after due examination, we find the complaint not in order, the complainant not having lodged his reasons for complaint within the constitutional time; and we recommend that said complaint be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. WHITMER,
WM. H. GROH,
D. VAN HORNE,
J. E. HIESTER,
W. F. P. DAVIS,
JACOB GORGAS,
JONES DETWILER. } *Committee.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-School Board submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

In accordance with the instructions of the Synod of Lebanon (see Min Syn., p. 54), the Sunday-School Board would respectfully report:

That the following Programme of Exercises has been arranged for the Synodical Sunday-School Institute, and that the appointed speakers

were informed of their several duties as soon as the list of delegates was published, to wit:—

1. The Sunday-School Library:—*Primarius:* Rev. Dr. Samuel G. Wagner; *Secundus:* Rev. Wm H Groh.

2. The Social Element in the Sunday School:—*Primarius:* Rev. Alfred J. G. Dubbs; *Secundus:* Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach.

3. Sunday-School Celebrations:—*Primarius:* Rev Eli Keller; *Secundus:* J. Calvin Leinbach.

4 The Proper Organization of the Sunday-School:—*Primarius:* Rev. Adam C. Whitmer; *Secundus:* Rev. Isaac K. Loos.

5. The Order of Exercises in the Sunday-School: *Primarius:* Rev. Dr. David E. Klopp; *Secundus:* Rev John W. Steinmetz.

6. The Infant Department in the Sunday-School:—*Primarius:* Rev. Isaac K. Loos; *Secundus:* Rev. William M. Reily, Ph. D.

The Board has secured the consent of the following brethren to address the Sunday-School of the Reformed Church of Myerstown:—Revs. David B. Shuey, John H. Sechler, J. Samuel Vandersloot.

The Board would further report, that the term of office of Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D.D., has expired, and that the vacancy should now be filled by this Synod. Respectfully submitted.

DAVID VAN HORNE,
C. Z. WEISER.

The nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy in the Board was referred to the Committee on Nominations, who reported a double number of candidates. The election was held, and resulted in the choice of the Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.

The discussion on topics relating to Sunday-schools took place on Friday and Saturday evenings, according to the programme proposed by the Sunday-school Board; the first three topics engaging attention on Friday evening, and the other three on Saturday evening.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, Sunday-school Celebrations, as they are now held in some localities of the Church, are more injurious than beneficial to the best interests of the cause of Christ, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod requests all Classes within its bounds to take such measures as they, in their judgment, deem proper, to remedy the evils in the case of such celebrations.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The annual report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows:

Annual Report of the Board of Publication from August 1st, 1879, to July 31st, 1880.

To the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully submits the following report:

The Board has had three meetings during the year, and at each of them given earnest attention to the interests entrusted to their care. It affords them great pleasure to be able to report a decided improvement in the affairs of the Board, especially as compared with its operations during the previous year. In all the departments, there has been an increase in the receipts of the Board, and in the case of some of the periodicals, it has been very decided. None of the latter also have fallen off in the number of subscribers, whilst in the case of some of them, the increase over all discontinuances is quite encouraging. The excess of additions over discontinuances in each case is as follows: Messenger, 1167; Guardian, 337; Review, 35; Child's Treasury, monthly, 384, Semi-monthly, 506; Sunshine, 1,253, and Lesson Papers, 402.

In the Book department there has been a slight improvement, and this might be made decidedly more so in the future, were proper encouragement extended to it generally by the Church. Funds are needed to get out new works, which would add materially to the interest and efficiency of the workings of this department, and it is to be hoped, some friends of means in the Church may be induced to make liberal contributions for this purpose, as is done in other Churches. In many instances members of the Church, also, purchase their books for Sunday-schools and other Church purposes, elsewhere, under the mistaken notion, that they thus obtain them at a less cost. Such, however, are the arrangements of the Board with other houses, that their books are furnished to it at such rates as to enable the Board to sell them to others at the same prices, as they can be purchased by them directly from these houses themselves, and at the same time afford a small profit to the Board. Should the mistaken notion to which we refer be corrected, and the patronage of the Church given to the Board in preference to other houses, it would greatly add to the efficiency and success of the book department. And may it not be hoped that the desired change will take place? The number of copies of books, &c., printed for this department during the year, is 34,500.

The usual committee, to whom is assigned the special duty of taking an account of stock and investigating the financial condition of the establishment, was appointed. They attended to their duty and reported, that "they find the stock in the store in good condition, having less unsaleable goods than last year. The price of some books they reduced, and advanced none which they found were the stock worth its present valuation. The financial condition they found quite satisfactory, a detailed account of which is furnished in the Superintendent's report to the Board." This report presents the following footing up for the year:

Receipts from all sources,	[illegible]
Disbursements	[illegible]
Excess of Receipts	[illegible]
Book reported free value	[illegible]
Deduction by committee	[illegible]
Value of stock at estimate	[illegible]
Old on hand	[illegible]
Excess over	[illegible]

Amount of assets brought over . .			$81,219 99
Liabilities : General . .	$34,599 75		
Mortgage . .	20,000 00		
			54,599 75
Excess of assets			$26,620 24

In consequence of severe family afflictions and overwork, the Superintendent was taken seriously ill in February last, so that at one stage of his illness his physician considered his life in danger. The Board felt, it was necessary, that he should be relieved from some of his labors. Hence at its meeting in April last, it associated with him, as Assistant Superintendent, the Rev. Charles G. Fisher, who had been summoned to his father's side during his illness. This arrangement was effected without adding anything to the expenses of the Board, and there is every reason to believe, that it will work decidedly to its interests. Under the special direction of his physician, the Superintendent found it necessary to be absent from his post, for a short season, at intervals, during the past Summer. His place, however, during such absence was supplied at his own expense, so that his temporary absence was of no serious disadvantage to the Board.

The Board has endeavored in all things to move forward with the utmost economy, and to persevere in its special efforts to collect its outstanding dues. At its last meeting, it instructed its Superintendent to notify all persons owing for two years or more, for books and periodicals, to settle their accounts, and if said accounts are not attended to within sixty days after such notice is given, to place them in the hands of a solicitor for collection.

The Board congratulates the Church on the successful efforts of its General Agent, Mr. H. K. Binkley, in securing subscribers to the "Messenger." It is hoped he may be equally successful in the future, and to this end, the Board solicits for him the earnest and hearty co-operation of the brethren of the Church, whose charges he may visit from time to time, in the prosecution of his labors.

The Board has instructed the Superintendent to discontinue the issue of the single sheet "Messenger" after the close of the present year. It also deemed it expedient, after a careful revision of the whole subject, not to discontinue the publication of the Semi-monthly Child's Treasury, as proposed in its last annual report. It has likewise instructed the Superintendent of the Book Department to reduce the price of the Order of Worship, Hymn books, and several other works published by the Board, the present prices of which will be given to the public through another channel.

At the first meeting of the Board after the last annual sessions of the Synods, it reduced the salaries of the several persons in its employ, effecting thus a considerable deduction in the amount of its current expenses, whilst all possible economy has been also observed in every other direction.

The term of service of Geo. W. Hensel, one of the Trustees from the Synod of the United States, will expire on the 1st of January, 1881. Hence it will devolve upon that Synod to fill the vacancy that will thus occur in the Board, at its present annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 12th, 1880.

The following Report was received from the Committee to Superintend the Publication of the "Hausfreund," and referred to the Committee on Publication:

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.

Reverend Brethren:—The Committee on the *Reformirte Hausfreund* would respectfully report: That said paper continues to be issued at Reading, Penna., every two weeks, under the editorial care of Rev. Dr. Bausman. The paper has no debts, and its subscription list is slowly increasing. Respectfully submitted.

E. W. REINECKE, *Chairman of Committee.*

The Committee on Publication submitted their Report, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Your Committee on Publication beg leave, respectfully to report, that the only papers which have been put in their hands, are, 1st, the Annual Report of the Board to the several Synods, sharing in the work of the Board, 2d, a detailed statement of the separate items which have made up the transactions of the Board during the year ending Aug. 1st, 1880, 3d, a communication from the publishers of the "Hausfreund."

1. The Committee finds from these documents, that the publication interests are looking up; and it is to be hoped, that the expectations of the Board may be more than realized. These hopeful signs appear from the increase of subscriptions to the several periodicals, the larger income in the other departments, while there has been some decrease in the expenses of the establishment.

As the annual report of the Board becomes a part of the published proceedings of Synod, your Committee does not deem it necessary in this report to repeat any of the facts and figures presented by the report of the Board.

2. The Committee regrets to learn of the severe illness of Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Superintendent of the Board, during the past year, but are glad to know, that in the providence of God he has been fully restored to health.

3. Your Committee is pleased to learn of the prosperity of the "Hausfreund," and regards it as a cause for special congratulation, that the paper has no debt and is increasing in circulation, and heartily recommends it to the continued favor of the German portion of the Church.

4. Your Committee also feels, that it is advisable that a conference should be had between the several Synods represented in the Board.

It, therefore, begs leave to recommend the appointment of a committee of three on the part of this Synod, to confer with similar committees to be appointed by the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac, which joint committee shall, in co-operation with the Board of Publication, take into consideration the Publication interests, with a view to the adoption of such plan or plans as may be calculated to still further promote the efficiency and success of the publication operations; and that this action be communicated to the several Synods interested, and that they be respectfully requested to join this Synod in the matter.

5. A vacancy occurs in the Board, by the expiration of the term of service of Geo. W. Hensel, Esq.

Respectfully submitted.

D. E. KLOPP,
S. G. WAGNER,
D. B. SHUEY,
J. K. FUNCK,
JACOB GORGAS, } *Committee.*

The Committee of Conference called for in the above report was appointed by the Synod, and consists of the Rev. George Wolff, D. D., Isaac K. Loos, and J. Samuel Vandersloot.

The item relating to filling the vacancy in the Board was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The following report was received from the Committee to prepare, in conjunction with a similar committee from the Synod of the Potomac, an edition of the "Hymns for the Reformed Church," with music attached:

Your committee, appointed to prepare an edition of the Hymn Book with Music, beg leave to report:

That, having completed the portion of work assigned them, viz., the selection of music for the hymns of the last half of the book, beginning with Trinity Sunday, they have been waiting for the similar committee of the Synod of the Potomac to complete their portion of the work, viz., the selection of music for the hymns from Advent to Trinity Sunday. This is now happily accomplished; and it only remains to examine and revise the results of the work at a joint meeting of the committees, to be held some time during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. GAST, *Chairman.*

EXPENSES.

Attending a joint meeting of the Committee at Mercersburg, July 13, 1875, ... $6 83

The report was received, and the committee continued, with instructions to complete their work at as early a day as possible.

The Stated Clerk reported, that he had complied with the instructions given him, in reference to the publication and distribution of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of Synod. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have seventeen hundred copies of the Minutes of the present annual sessions of Synod, duly authenticated, published, twelve hundred in the English, and five hundred in the German language, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them.

The Superintendent of the Board of Publication reported, that the tract called for by the action of the Synod, adopted at its last

annual sessions, on "The Duty and Privilege of Giving to the Support of the Benevolent Operations of the Church," had been prepared by the Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., and an edition of it has been issued by the Board of Publication since its last annual report was prepared. Persons who wish to obtain it for gratuitous circulation, as contemplated by Synod, can procure copies of it from the Board at a comparatively small cost.

The election to fill the vacancy in the Board was held, and resulted in the re-election of George W. Hensel for the term of four years from the 1st of January, 1881.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following report was received from the Chairman of the Peace Commission and adopted:

The Chairman of the Peace Commission would respectfully report to this reverend body, That the delegates elected by this Synod to the said Commission, attended to the duties assigned them, in connection with the delegates from all the other Synods, and resolved to report unanimous conclusions to the General Synod convening in Tiffin, Ohio, May 18, A. D. 1881.

Respectfully submitted.

C. Z. WEISER.

The Stated Clerk reported that the President and himself, in obedience to the instructions of Synod given at its last annual sessions, had communicated to all the other District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States a copy of its action in relation to the desirableness of having the two tendencies existing in the Church equally represented in the Peace Commission, and the necessity that the conclusions it should reach, should be unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported, that a new Classis has been organized out of a portion of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, as authorized by Synod at its last annual sessions, and that said new Classis is to be known by the name of the "Classis of Lehigh."

The Classis of Goshenhoppen, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, revoked, for reasons assigned, the license of David Y. Schaub. As this had been done in his absence and without any proven or even alleged immoral conduct, the action of Classis, when it came under review, gave rise to a lengthy discus-

sion. It was eventually disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That whilst this Synod sees nothing in the action of the Classis of Goshenhoppen, in the case of David Y. Schaub, that is unconstitutional, nevertheless, it respectfully requests the Classis to take his case into consideration afresh, with a view to re-license him, in case he shall apply for the same, and the Classis, in its best judgment, find the way clear to this end.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the afternoon of the third day of the sessions, Revs. Alfred J. G. Dubbs, Eli Keller, and Elder Samuel D. Rudy, were appointed a committee, through whom all applications for absence shall be presented to Synod. They reported from time to time the applications made to them for absence, when the Synod was brought to a direct vote on them in each case.

Communications were received from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College in reference to the vacancies occurring in said Board, and the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Potomac, in reference to the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary from that Synod. They were referred to the Committee on Nominations. To the same Committee were also referred the vacancies occurring in the Board of Publication, the Trustees of Synod, and the Sunday-school Board. This Committee submitted their report on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions, which was received and adopted. The election was ordered to take place at the opening of the afternoon session of the fifth day of the sessions, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have the requisite number of copies of the Nominations printed for the use of Synod.

At the time appointed, the election was held. Revs. Levi K. Derr and Allen R. Bartholomew were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result through the President, as found recorded in each case, in its appropriate place, except the filling the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., and Hon. A. Herr Smith.

A communication was received from the Faculty of Palatinate College, inviting the Synod to visit the institution in a body at such

time as it may find convenient. The Synod accepted the invitation, and fixed on Monday morning, October 25th, at 11 o'clock, as the time for making the proposed visit. At the time appointed, the Synod moved in procession to the College buildings and was received at the door by the President, Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., and conducted to the main hall where the teachers and pupils were in readiness to receive it. An address of welcome was made by one of the pupils, which was responded to by the President of Synod. Short addresses also were made by several members of the Synod. The interview was closed by a musical treat from one of the younger pupils, when the members of the Synod retired, much gratified with their visit.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Inasmuch as the venerable widows of the Rev. James R. Reily and the Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, most efficient ministers in the Reformed Church in the United States during former and darker periods in her history, are spending the evening of their lives within the territory, in the bosom of which the Synod is now assembled, and in consequence of which the pleasant memories of those good pastors have been revived: Be it therefore

Resolved, That the President and Stated Clerk convey to those mothers in Israel, through the Corresponding Secretary, the Christian greetings of the Synod, and assure them of its intercessions before God in their behalf.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States feels itself under great obligations to the citizens of Myerstown, and especially to the Rev. George Wolff, D. D., and the members of his charge, for the kind reception and very hospitable entertainment of its members during its present sessions: and would hereby kindly request, that this resolution be read from this pulpit. The Great Head of the Church, who has promised that even a cup of cold water given to a disciple shall not be unrewarded, abundantly reward this kindness with temporal and all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to convey in suitable form the thanks of this Synod to the officers of the Reading R. R. Co., for permitting its members to pass over their road and its branches at excursion rates.

The roll was called and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet in annual sessions in the Reformed Church at Danville, Montour County, Pa., on the third Wednesday in October, A. D. 1881, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The members of Synod gathered around the chancel, sang the hymn: "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in mutual love;" repeated the Apostles' Creed in unison; were led in prayer by the Rev. J. Samuel Vandersloot; sang the long metre Doxology, and were then dismissed with the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

A. S. LEINBACH, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

LEBANON CLASSIS—Concluded.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms Inf'ts.	Baptisms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Min. Stud	Contributions. Benev. Purp's.	Contributions. Cong'l Purp's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Christian Baum,	1	1st Gr., Ch., Pottsville,	190	100	17		12	18	175				2	1	150		$ 10 00	$500 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.,
M. Peters,	1	St. John's, Hamburg,	343	120	40		23		260				21	1	185	1	138 65	370 00	Hamburg, Berks Co., do
J. G. Neff,	1	Trinity, Shenandoah,	225	75	30	2	27	12	175			2	17	1	240			900 00	Shenandoah City, Schuyl. do
J. C. Bucher, D. D.,		Superannuated,																	Lewisburg, Union Co., do
John H. Leinbach,		As't of A. S. Leinbach,																	Reading, Berks do
Adam J. Bachman,	3	Schaefferstown,	550	300	66	13	51	3	350	2		5	20	4	250	1	33 00	1,100 00	Schaefferstown, Lebanon do
Allen R. Bartholome	4	Swatara,	424	301	33	2	12	4	373	1			11	4	270		220 00	1,275 00	Jonestown, Lebanon do
John J. Fisher,	1	Trinity Ch., Tamaqua,	150	115	22		12	10	110				11	1	150		50 00	700 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Joseph Schlappig,		Without charge,																	Hamburg, Berks do
Licentiate B. F. Biery,																			Orefield, Lehigh do
Supply G. Wolff, D.D.,	3	Womelsdorf,	500	325	18		7	6	400	4			13	3	480		117 48		
do J. W. Steinme	1	Gernant's,	180	85	16				160	3			7	2	75		27 53	450 00	
do J. P. Stein,	1	Grace Ch., Cressona,	140	100	11	1	19		120	3			7	1	150		60 00	400 00	
do D. Christman,	2	Minersville Charge,	190	90	21		10		160				11				32 00	500 00	
do M. Peters,	1	Port Clinton,	50	25	10				36				2	1	40		4 19	70 00	
do do	1	Shoemakersville,	128	50	7		8		77				1	1	70		18 42		
do T. C. Leinbach,	1	Zion's,	200	150															
do do	1	Daniel's,	120	75															
do Henry Leiss,	1	Lewistown,	85		4		12		81				4	1		1	17 00	89 95	
do C. Baum & J. Stein,	1	St. Clair,	50	50	4		4		45					1	70				
do A Committee,	1	Bindnagel's,	25						18				2	1					
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1	St. Paul's Bismarck,	86	50										1	200		3 76		
St. Paul's Miss. S. Sch.,														1	90			19 67	
Charles H. Coon,		2 Ref. Ch., Miss. School,													112			78 00	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
Total, 40.	83		18,013	10,121	1451	5	1,035	233	15,385	226		193	549	114	10,572	12	$7,587 55	$49,423 02	

LEBANON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms Inf'ts.	Baptisms Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions. Benev. Purp's.	Contributions. Cong'l Purp's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Gring,		Superannuated,																	Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
A. S. Leinbach,	8	Schwartzwald,	1,800	900	180	4	103		1624				62	13	600	1	$310 23	$2,950 00	Reading, Berks do
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	925	700	103	5	40	9	600	97		6	18	2	525		575 00	2,400 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	2	Jerusalem, Schuyl. Ha.	765	500	36		20	8	665	2			20	7	500		75 35	2,198 14	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'lkill do
Jona. E. Hiester, D.D.,	4	Annville,	460	310	29	2	20	4	395	3			13	4	275		128 00	1,125 00	Annville, Lebanon do
Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	1	2d Ch., Reading,	470	300	28		19		400	7			12	1	378		784 00	2,212 00	Reading, Berks do
T. Calvin Leinbach,	5	Bernville,	1,190	900	105		63	5	1153	10		12	35	20	800	1	483 10	1,500 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff, D. D.,	1	Myerstown,	450	300	38	2	20	20	419	16		4	10	1	230	1	359 39	1,415 00	Myerstown, Lebanon do
Benj. Bausman, D.D.,	1	St. Paul's Mem. Ch.,	590	300	31		17	17	525	13			11	1	390	1	590 00	6,108 85	Reading, Berks do
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Lebanon,	220	100	13	1	19	8	160				8	1	170		482 00	2,000 00	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Chas H. Leinbach, D.D.,	5	Tulpehocken,	1,255	600	57	4	60	8	1070	7		3	21	6	420	2	415 00	2,150 00	Stouchsburg, Berks do
John P. Stein,	1	Trinity Church, Potts.,	130	95	26			7	105	6		4	12	1	139		50 00	800 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Eli E. Hiester,	4	Pine Grove,	400	280	38	1	17	1	225				6	3	125		30 00	220 00	Friedensburg, " do
Daniel B. Albright,	1	Bethany, Orph. Home	32	28					37	5				1	60		61 00		Womelsdorf, Berks do
W. M. Reily, Ph. D.,		Prof. in Palatinate Col.																	Myerstown, Lebanon do
Henry A. Keyser,	1	St. Paul's, Mah'y City,	525	350	42		31	12	490	7			16	1	425	1	310 00	2,400 00	Mahanoy City, Schuylkill do
C. H. Mutchler,		Missionary in Florida,																	Bronson, Florida.
Jno. O. Johnson,	1	St. John's, Schuyl. Ha.	240	200	26		13		185				7	1	225		106 75	1,800 00	Schuylkill Haven, do Pa.
F. W. Dechant,		Without Charge,																	Reading, Berks do
Jas. A. Schultz,		do do																	
Wm. F. P. Davis,	4	Sinking Spring,	1,100	600	96	2	70	3	955	5			50	6	500		150 21	2,000 00	Reading, Berks do
Henry Leisse,	5	Orwigsburg,	560	450	31		37		352				11	5	500	1	106 95	1,100 00	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do
H. Mosser,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1,230	700	75	4	123	26	860	11		150	34	1	698	1	607 00	3,918 00	Reading, Berks do
G.W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.		Pres. of Palatinate Col.																	Myerstown, Lebanon do
R. S. Appel,	4	Schartelsville,	795	200	77	1	48	1	665	2			28	5	300		56 54	1,773 41	Hamburg, Berks Co., do
M. L. Fritsch,	5	Allegheny,	900	450	67	8	92	14	671	8			34	7	400		1,100 00	2,400 00	Reading, do do
A. H. Leiss,		Without charge,																	Hust, do do
J. W. Steinmetz,	1	St. John's, Reading,	340	250	54	1	26	37	289	14		7	12	2	380		75 00	2,500 00	Reading, do do

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Christian Baum,	1	1st Gr.,Ch., Pottsville,	190	100	17		12	18	175				2	1	150		$ 10 00	$500 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.,
M. Peters,	1	St. John's, Hamburg,	343	120	40		23		260				21	1	185	1	138 65	370 00	Hamburg, Berks Co., do
J. G. Neff,	1	Trinity, Shenandoah,	225	75	30	2	27	12	175			2	17	1	240			900 00	Shenandoah City, Schuyl. do
J. C. Bucher, D. D.,		Superannuated,																	Lewisburg, Union Co., do
John H. Leinbach,		As't of A. S. Leinbach,																	Reading, Berks do
Adam J. Bachman,	3	Schaefferstown,	550	300	66	13	51	3	350	2		5	20	4	250	1	33 00	1,100 00	Schaefferstown, Lebanon do
Allen R. Bartholome	4	Swatara,	424	301	33	2	12	4	373	1			11	4	270		220 00	1,275 00	Jonestown, Lebanon do
John J. Fisher,	1	Trinity Ch., Tamaqua,	150	115	22		12	10	110				11	1	150		50 00	700 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
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do J. W. Steinme	1	Gerrant's,	180	85	16				160	3			7	2	75		27 53	450 00	
do J. P. Stein,	1	Grace Ch., Cressona,	140	100	11	1	19		120	3			7	1	150		60 00	400 00	
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do do	1	Shoemakersville,	128	50	7		8		77				1	1	70		18 42		
do T. C. Leinbach,	1	Zion's,	200	150															
do do	1	Daniel's,	120	75															
do Henry Leiss,	1	Lewistown,	85		4		12		81				4	1		1	17 00	89 95	
do C. Baum & J. Stein,	1	St. Clair,	50	50	4		4		45					1	70				
do A Committee,	1	Bindnagel's,	25						18				2	1					
do Kremer, D.D.,	1	St. Paul's Bismarck,	86	50										1	200		3 76		
F. W. St. Paul's Miss. S. Sch.,														1	90			19 67	
Charles H. Coon,		2 Ref.Ch.,Miss.School,													112			78 00	Reading, Berks Co., Pa.
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CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Eras. of N.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	145	20	2	3	3		142	2			3	2	75		$100 00	$350 00	Chester Springs, Chester Co., Pa.
do supply,	1	St. Vincent,	200	30	4	1	1		160					1	50		30 00	225 00	do do do do
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Supt. Pub. B'd & Ed. "Mess."																	907 Arch St., Philad., do
Daniel Feete,		Without Charge,																	Norristown, Montgomery Co., do
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	1	St. Luke's,	220		4	7	15	2	175			15	8	1	75		50 00	800 00	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., do
Henry W. Super, D.D.,		Prof. in Ursinus Col.,																	do do do
Peter S. Davis, D. D.,		Editor "The Mess'r.,"																	907 Arch St., Phila., do
Charles Lukens,		Without Charge,																	Frankford, Philadelphia, do
Joseph Hannaberry.	1	Ridgely Mission, Md.,	55	27	4	2	4	5	52				2				7 00	100 00	Ridgely, Caroline Co., Md.
do do supply,	1	Zion's charge,	15	20					15										do do do.
Charles W. Schultz,		Without Charge,																	Camden, N. J.
D. Ernest Klopp, D.D.	1	Trinity, Phila.,	342	70	32	7	30	10	290	15		5	6	3	420		250 00	3,900 00	1541 N. 7th St., Philad., Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston,	1	Christ Ref. Church,	187	68	4		2	14	138	3			8	1	176		808 00	4,900 00	2301 Green St., do do
Maxwell S. Rowland,	1	East Vincent,	246		5	11	15	3	130				8	1	70		44 00	1,831 00	Spring City, Chester Co., do
Charles G. Fisher,		Asst. Supt. Pub. B'd.,																	907 Arch St., Phila., do
David Van Horne, D.D.,	1	First Ch., Race Str.,	201	22	6	2	7	9	157	1			3	1	225		255 00	3,000 00	1140 Mt. Vernon St., Phila., do
William C. Hendrickson,		Without Charge,																	Bristol, Bucks Co., do
E. H. Dieffenbacher,	1	St. John's Miss., Del.,	92	57	9		3	9	80		1	1	2	1	106		23 00	614 00	Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
John Van Haagen, Lic.,		Prof. in Ursinus Col.,																	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Henry M. Kieffer,	1	Ascension,	195	80	5	4	12	7	164	6		2	6	1	140		60 00	1,600 00	Norristown, do do
Josiah D. Detrich,	1	White Marsh,	140		4	3	9		130	2			5	1	160		50 00	800 00	Flourtown, do do
do supply,	1	North Wales,	130		8	7	21	2	125	2			4	1	125		20 00	750 00	do do do
Frederick Walk,		Without charge.																	Philadelphia, do
John H. Sechler,	1	Boehm's,	208	99	2	7	12	3	172	1			4	2	200		119 00	900 00	Centre Square, Mont. Co., do
Uriah Weidner,	1	Pleasantville,	257	40	5			4	200	3			1	2	200		169 00	852 00	Chalfont, Bucks Co., do
James I. Good,	1	Heidelberg,	254	95	17	12	41	55	244	4			4	1	385	1	260 00	3,850 00	1515 N. 19th St., Philad., do
J. Samuel Vandersloot,	1	St. John's, M. Phila.,	90	44	4	2	4	13	60	6			1	1	65		10 00	700 00	4042 Haverford Av., Philad., do
Abraham B. Stoner,	1	Trinity, Norristown,	82	26	7	2	5	7	75	2		1	4	1	125		35 00	537 00	Norristown, Montgomery Co., do
George S. Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	415		12	8	15	1	279	11		1	8	3	235		46 00	4,325 00	Vincent, Chester Co., do
Levi D. Stambaugh,	1	St. Matthew's,	81	20	5	4	5	4	79				3	1	112		67 00	1,670 00	Uwchlan, do do
John H. Bomberger, Lic.		Prof. in Ursinus Col.,																	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., do
Total, 28.	23		3,555	718	139	82	204	148	2,867	58	1	25	80	25	2,044	1	$2,403 00	$31,704 00	

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions. Bener. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Adolph B. Caspar,		Superannuated,																	New Berlin, Union Co., Pa.
Wm. H. Groh,	4	Boalsburg,	340	219	15	5	34	18	315	2			2	4	185		$139 00	$805 00	Boalsburg, Centre do
William W. Clouser,	4	White Deer,	311	205	33	2	36	9	295	4			16	4	120	1	56 00	1,876 00	White Deer Mills, Union do
Wm. A. Haas,	4	Selinsgrove,	395	310	34	1	23	3	383	2			13	4	250		169 00	1,100 00	Selinsgrove, Snyder do
William M. Landis,	5	Rebersburg,	281	183	12		8	4	242			6	3	5	197		159 00	565 00	Rebersburg, Centre do
George P. Hartzell,	5	Nittany,	287	293	30		13	12	239	4			4	4	215		203 00	1,090 00	Walker, Centre do
Isaac S. Stahr,	2	Lock Haven,	133	103	3	1	7	7	99			14	4	2	120		32 00	542 00	Lock Haven, Clinton do
Stephen S. Kohler,	4	New Berlin,	243	195	32	2	13		195	3		6	11	1	100		62 00	556 00	New Berlin, Union do
Samuel M. Roeder,	3	Centre Hall,	285	182	13	4	28	6	248	5			3	2	160		229 00	1,240 00	Centre Hall, Centre do
Adam C. Whitmer,	3	Mifflinburg,	475	220	18	3	26	17	390	6			8	3	200		400 00	1,300 00	Mifflinburg, Union do
John F. De Long,	2	Bellefonte,	160	100	3	1	10	4	117					2	90	1	135 00	1,170 00	Bellefonte, Centre do
Robert L. Gerhart,	2	Lewisburg,	325	180	2	1	23	2	280	5			1	2	320		189 00	1,250 00	Lewisburg, Union do
C. W. E. Siegel,	3	Aaronsburg,	253	190	6		15	10	187				6	2	115		350 00	800 00	Aaronsburg, Centre do
Supplied,	1	Williamsport,	175	160	4	1	1	4	100	1			2	1	115		92 00	980 00	Williamsport, Lycoming do
do	6	Beaver Springs,	550	300	49		37		449	3			15	4	400				Beaver Springs, Snyder do
Vacant,	6	Liverpool,	244	300	35				207	5			14	8	270		50 00	793 00	Oriental, Juniata do
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,		Penn Hall Academy,																	Penn Hall, Centre do
David G. Klein,		Without charge,																	Walker, Centre do
William R. Yearick,		do																	Walker, Centre Co., do
Abraham Romich,		do																	Philadelphia. do
Willoughby Donat,		do																	Steinsville, Lehigh do
Franklin W. Brown,		Licentiate,																	Lewisburg,, Union do
Total, 19.	54		4,457	3,140	289	21	274	96	3,746	40		26	102	48	2,857	2	$2,265 00	$14,067 00	

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	2	New Goshenhoppen,	900	510	46	2	40	13	800	3			38	2	500	2	$749 00	$2,000 00	East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	650	225	42	2	12	6	558	4			39	5			162 00	1,200 00	Pennsburg, do do
Lawrence D. Leberman,	3	Pottstown,	825		52	5	23	4	820	2			19	3			96 00		Pottstown, do do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Boyertown,	824	597	57	1	20	8	796	11			29	1	130		213 00	2,525 00	Boyertown, Berks do
Simon M. K. Huber,	3	Wentz's,	765	300	36	10	49	11	600	7			33	2	240		171 00	825 00	Worcester, Mont. do
Eli Keller,	4	Zionsville,	755	420	65	2	12	2	690	8			27	4	440	4	334 00		Zionsville, Lehigh do
L. Kryder Evans,	1	Trinity Pottstown,	560	395	37	5	30	11	510	7			23	1	350		231 00	1,969 00	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Philip P. A. Hoffman, Sup.,	2	Hill & Lobach's,	300				20		257				9	5	200		12 00	75 00	Boyertown, Berks do
Franklin J. Mohr, do	1	Chestnut Hill,	85	65	2			3	79	4			4	1	60		25 00	250 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
Daniel E. Schoedler,	4	Oley,	660	350	52		29	1	513				17	4	225		90 00		Oley, Berks do
Lewis C. Herman,		Without Charge,																	Carlisle, Cumberland do
Henry L. Gerhart,		Licentiate,																	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Total, 12.	27		6,324	2,852	389	27	235	59	5,623	46			238	28	2,145	6	$2,083 00	$8,844 00	

CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stu. Min'y.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Rothrock,	2	Durham,	608	324	29	1	23	1	489	9		5	21	3	125		$147 00	$1,564 00	Durham, Bucks Co., Pa.
S. K. Gross,	2	Ridge Valley,	321	150	25	1		6	282	1		5	18	2	82		23 00	494 00	Schlichters, do do
L. C. Sheip,	1	Doylestown,	133	89	4	7	21	4	115	4			2	1	70		10 00	600 00	Doylestown, do do
A. F. Ziegler,	3	Keller's,	339	200	25	2	6	2	310	2			10	3	230	1	78 00	1,750 00	Bingen, Northampton do
Jacob Kehm,	2	Indian Creek,	935	500	39	6	34	2	785	6			25	3			135 24	6,120 00	Sellersville Bucks do
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	2	South Bethlehem,	265	225	42		16	33	184	4		16	5	2	258		50 00	845 00	S. Bethlehem, Northampt. do
Franklin J. Moyer,	3	Quakertown,	500	200	28	1	17	17	437	10		6	23	3	280		114 00	1,350 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
James G. Dengler,	3	Sellersville,	361	155	12	3	9	12	342	3		16	8	2	80		116 00	1,047 00	Sellersville, do do
Robt. C. Weaver,	3	Friedensville,	545	218	72	1	1	5	391	1			33	7	187		89 00	890 00	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
G. W. Roth,	3	Tinicum,	415	164	32	11	28	12	313	2		8	11	3	90		102 00	750 00	Erwinna, Bucks do
A. B. Koplin,	3	Lower Saucon,	635	370	30		36	8	425	1	1		10	5	340	1	251 83	1,297 00	Hellertown, Northampt. do
Henry J. Welker,	2	Springfield,	326	147	27	1	5		274				12	2	230		92 00	675 00	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
J. M. Hartzel,	1	Leidytown,	152	30	1	5	10	4	140	6		3	4	2	220		21 40	1,345 00	Chalfont, Bucks do
H. F. Seiple,	2	Hilltown,	374	194	19	8	22	32	296	8		2	2	2	255		89 00	1,416 00	Lansdale, Montgomery Co., do
J. C. Leinbach,	1	Riegelsville,	177	90	10	1	9	12	170	4			4	1	170		119 02	1,100 00	Riegelsville, Bucks do
N. Z. Snyder, supply,	1	South Easton,	134	75	9		5	4	107			5	5	1	108		44 66	450 00	
D. F. Brendle, do	1	New Williams,	130	60	8			1	93	1			4	3	45		26 15	260 00	
Gross and Seiple, supply,	1	Dublin,	98	46	4			1	80	2		10	2	1	54		4 00		
Total, 15.	36		6,448	3,237	416	48	242	156	5 233	64	1	76	199	46	2,824	2	$1,512 30	$21,953 00	

CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Bapt's. Infants.	Bapt's. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Eras. of N.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions. Benev. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	4	Zeigel,	800	660	101		84	3	760	60			42	6	500	1	$559 00	$1,900 00	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
J. S. Herman,	4	Fleetwood,	560	370	130	2	11	2	500	2			27	6			25 00	1,050 00	Kutztown, Berks do do
A. J. Herman,	7	Zion's,	600	350	60	2	20		540				18	7	700		127 00	2,460 00	Maxatawny, do do do
Wm. R. Hofford,	1	S. White Hall cong.,	230	125	7				190	2			9	3	200		133 00	357 00	Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Abm. Bartholomew,	4	Mahoning,	560	330	93		49		473				34	13		1	138 00	850 00	Lehighton, Carbon do do
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Zion's Ref., Allentown,	580	365	37		20	10	417	7		34	18	1	341		317 00	1,792 00	Allentown, Lehigh do do
E. J. Fogel,	4	Jordan,	800	600	64		55		740	4			39	12		2	251 00	1,500 00	Fogelsville, do do do
S. A. Leinbach,	3	Egypt,	500	485	30		19	1	430	2			15	9	390	1	103 00	1,400 00	Coplay, do do do
S. G. Wagner, D.D.,	1	St. John's, Allentown,	427	195	9	1	22	21	327	8			11	1	310	1	259 00	13,092 00	Box 411, Allent'n, do do do
L. K. Derr,		Without charge,																	Slatington, do do do
F. H. Schwartz,		Without charge,																	Robesonia, Berks do do
A. J. G. Dubbs,	1	Salem's Ref., Allent'wn	550	300	120	2	41	44	470	12		25	49	1	600	1	200 00	3,700 00	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Benjamin Weiss,	4	Lenhartsville,	530	290	50		34		410	2			14	7	250	1	125 00	2,500 00	Lenhartsville, Berks do do
J. Fritzinger,	1	Christ's Ref., Allent'wn	126	125	16		10	31	75	1		6	6	1	180		8 00	800 00	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Thomas N. Reber,	3	Macungie,	650	300	64		17	1	360	5			21	5	375	1	127 00	1,775 00	Macungie, do do do
James N. Bachman,	3	Jacksonville,	781	450	73		40	2	590	3		1	31	6	500		85 00	1,000 00	Stony Run, Berks do do
N. C. Schaeffer,		Prof. State Nor. Sch.,																	Kutztown, do do do
I. E. Graeff,	1	Tamaqua,	285	218	25		19		216				8	1	150	1	61 00	825 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do do
W. J. Peters,	2	Slatington,	460	270	83		39	2	380	4			12	3	290		260 00	749 00	Slatington, Lehigh do do
J. H. Hartman,	1	Lehighton congr.,	194	170	16		14		153				4	1	315	1	50 00	600 00	Lehighton, Carbon do do
N. W. A. Helfrich,		His Father's assistant,																	Fogelsville, Lehigh do do
Charles Th. Heimberger,		Missionary,																	Allentown, do do do
Vacant,	1	Kutztown,	500	100	10		30		273				15	2	300			500 00	
Supply, J. N. Bachman	1	Lowhill congr.,*																	
do Dr. Helfrich,	1	Lynntown congr.,†																	
do B. Weiss,	1	Blandon congr.,	140	74	9				110	1			2	1	80		9 00	350 00	
do I. E. Graeff,	1	Summit Hill cong.,	70	98	9		10		59				3	1	70		18 00	225 00	
do A. J. G. Dubbs,	1	Emaus congr.,	50		8		12			2			2	1			19 00		Allentown, do do do
Tobias Kessler,		Licentiate,																	Hamburg, Berks do do
Wm. J. Kershner,		do																	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Jacob S. Hartzell,		do																	
Total, 25.	51		9,393	5,675	1,014	7	546	117	7,475	115	00	66	380	88	5,581	11	$2,874 00	$37,425 00	

* Report included in that of Jacksonville.

† Report included in that of the Zeigel Charge.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfir'd Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Stud'nts for the Min.	Contributions.	
					Infants,	Adults,	Confir'd.	Certif'te									Benev. Purp.	Congre'l Purp.
East Pennsylvania,	19	43	7,922	5,510	521	10	403	75	5,809	41		184	211	68	4,094	9	$2,948.00	$23,913.00
Lebanon,	40	83	18,013	10,124	1,451	53	1,035	233	15,385	226		193	549	114	10,572	12	7,587.55	49,423.02
Philadelphia,	28	23	3,555	718	139	82	204	148	2,867	58	1	25	80	25	2,944	1	2,403.00	31,704.00
Lancaster,	27	38	4,051	1,797	252	100	314	104	3,395	62		24	113	32	3,190	2	4,353.73	31,055.60
East Susquehanna,	26	78	7,772	5,245	819	29	487	221	6,241	60		8	291	77	5,319	6	1,702.00	22,744.00
West Susquehanna,	19	54	4,457	3,140	289	21	274	96	3,746	40		26	102	48	2,857	2	2,265.00	14,067.00
Goshenhoppen,	12	27	6,324	2,852	389	27	235	59	5,623	46			238	28	2,145	6	2,083.00	8,844.00
Tohickon,	15	36	6,448	3,237	416	48	242	156	5,233	64	1	76	199	46	2,824	2	1,512.00	21,953.00
Lehigh,	25	51	9,393	5,875	1,014	7	546	117	7,473	115		66	380	88	5,551	11	2,874.00	37,425.00
Total, 9 Classes,	211	433	67,935	38,498	5,290	377	3,740	1,209	5 5,772	712	2	602	2,163 9	526	39,496	51	$27,734.28	$231,128.62
Synod of Ohio, 11 Classes,	149	296	21,000	9,536	1,030	386	1,216	660	17,562	346	19	387	375	231	19,100	16	6,834.00	161,753.00
Ger., Synod, North West, 11 Classes,	157	240	24,054	17,180	2,334	59	1,593	1,017	19,918	427	86	205	76	269	13'573	32	12,534.00	88,254.00
Synod of Pittsburgh, 5 Classes,	57	120	11,093	8,065	891	89	671	329	9,369	229		75	271	99	7 301	13	6,457.11	45,600.18
Synod of the Potomac, 7 Classes,	128	267	27,417	17,173	1,949	184	1,241	598	23,559	400	2	119	735	241	17,686	25	16,919.00	99,952.00
Ger., Synod, of the East, 5 Classes.	44	39	9,503	5,695	1,719	1	652	316	7,302	135	20	115	296	39	6,355	4	3,802.00	63,533.00
Grand Total, 6 Synods, 48 Classes,	746	1395	161,002	96,147	13,213	1,096	9,113	4,129	133,482	2249	123	1503	4,591	1,345	103,511	141	$73,380.39	$630,229.80

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